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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF RYLE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31

1996

Stoneleigh Manor, built in 1919.

(From the collection of William M. Varrell, author of Rye and Rye Beach).

The **ELECTION** portion of the Rye Town Meeting
will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 1997**, at the
RYE BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, RYE CENTER
from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The **BUSINESS** portion of the Rye Town Meeting
will be held on **SATURDAY**,
March 15, 1997, at the **RYE JUNIOR HIGH**
SCHOOL commencing at 9:00 AM.

ALL RYE RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.



ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

The building originally known as Stoneleigh Manor Resort Hotel, a prominent feature of Central Road, Rye Beach, since the early 1900s, closed December 31, 1993 due to unspecified "financial and personnel" reasons. The Center was a site for spiritual retreats, days of recollection and similar programs for clergy and lay people, and drew thousands of visitors each year.

The estate went through several transformations since it was built as the Stoneleigh Manor Resort Hotel in 1919. The hotel did not work out well. It was built too far inland, a seven minute walk by foot from the ocean as well as from the healthy ocean air and view.

In 1935, the hotel was transformed into a girl's college for young ladies from the West. Due to the circumstances surrounding World War II, the college closed in 1943. Soon after, the school opened again as an air academy for boys from fourteen to sixteen. The academy lasted three years, closing in 1946 in almost unrepairable condition.

Four years later, Holy Name Province purchased it for \$60,000. Father Provincial, Thomas Plassmann, OFM, and his Definitorium converted it to a college for their own priest candidates and named it Saint Francis College of the Holy Gospel. The Franciscans worked for two years to restore the building and operated it as St. Francis College of the Holy Gospel seminary until the 1960s, when candidates for the priesthood dwindled.

According to Brother Agapitus, one of the Franciscan brothers responsible for the building's restoration, in the early days of the Friary there were no power mowers to cut the grass. The Friars acquired sheep to keep the grounds looking trim. They would hold the sheep tight by a rope, and move the ropes around everyday some few square yards at a time. However, one morning the Friars found the sheep dead. The dogs the Friars were feeding killed the sheep at night. Needless to say, this was the end of feeding the dogs, and the grass was cut by hand.

In 1967 the Order started offering retreats to clergy and lay people. In June, 1993, St. Francis Retreat Center celebrated its Silver Jubilee, 25 years of serving people's spiritual needs.

Some comments by Rye citizens on the closing of the Friary were "The Friary has been a great part of the community in the Seacoast, they have offered a lot of support and cared for many people, they will be missed; it was a very positive influence in the community; stunned and shocked at the closing; can't be true".

In bidding farewell to the Friary, on behalf of the Town's citizens, the Selectmen take great pride in dedicating the 1996 Town Report to the people who played significant roles in the life of this memorable landmark located at 860 Central Road.

IN MEMORIAM
1959 - 1996

SARAH STANZOWITS FOGARTY was a beloved mother, wife, and friend. Sarah's love for children showed through her dedication to volunteering regularly at the **Rye Elementary School**. She is fondly remembered for her love of nature, gardening, and bird watching. The loss of Sarah weighs heavy on many hearts.



IN MEMORIAM
1901-1996

FRANCES I. HOLWAY was born on June 24, 1901 in Chelsea, MA. She was the wife of the late Edward J. Holway, who died in 1972. They had a daughter, Jane of Rye, two sons, John Bartlett of Springfield, VA, and Jamieson Edward of Estacada, Oregon, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Frances attended the Newtonville, MA schools and Mount Holyoke College, graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1923. She received her master's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1961.

A resident of Rye since 1945, Frances was active in town affairs, serving on the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, and as a charter member of the Civic League and the Dump Committee. She was a longtime, enthusiastic proponent of recycling.

Her grandparents, John Edgar and Julianne Bartlett bought the house on Washington Road in 1923, and it is still owned by the family. Mr. Bartlett sold the entire left hand section of the Central Cemetery to the Town for fifty dollars (\$50). A few years later, he bought eight (8) graves for two hundred dollars (\$200).

Frances was a mover and a shaker. She expected others to be the same. There was no community task too great for her to accomplish. The Selectmen wish to express their gratitude to the Holway family for Frances' abundant service to the Town of Rye.




IN MEMORIAM
1951 - 1996

PAUL "PAT" LEARY, 2281 Ocean Boulevard, son of Paul F. and Sally Leary, husband of Kathleen "Kathy", father of two lovely daughters, Leigha Ann and Whitney Harmon.

Pat was born in Exeter, NH on February 21, 1951. He was a graduate of Lady Isle School, Portsmouth, attended Emmerson School for Boys, Exeter, graduate of Cushing Academy, West Newbury, MA, and attended Northeastern University and New England Institute, Boston. Pat's love for the family business began when he was a child, and graduated to his becoming the general manager of the Dunes Motor Inn, Sandpiper General Store and Coffee Shop in Rye for many years. Pat's wife, Kathy assisted him every step of the way, it was a team effort.

Pat loved the Town of Rye, and his business and personal efforts reflected this love. He was a compassionate, friendly, and gentle man. Pat touched many lives in a special way. Ask anyone who knew him. He always wore a smile. Death knocked on Pat's door too early. He will be surely missed!





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*****TOWN OFFICIALS*****
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Term Expires
MODERATOR (2-year term)	
Sharon N. DeVries	1998
SELECTMEN (3-year term)	
Edward H. Herlihy	1997
Norman C. Katner	1998
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	1999
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3-year term)	
Jane E. Ireland	1997
TREASURER (3-year term)	
Barbara J. Flynn	1997
CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3-year term)	
John W. Patrick	1997
Edward J. Ireland	1998
Roger O. Philbrick	1999
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6-year term)	
Janet C. Thompson	1998
Norman H. Yeaton	2000
Madeline Chichester	2002
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3-year term)	
Betty Tobey	1997
Mark Epply	1998
Brian Klinger	1999
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (3-year term)	
Priscilla Patrick	1997
Brenda J. Semprini	1998
Andrew J. Mahoney	1999
BUDGET COMMITTEE (3-year term)	
Gary Chapman	1997
Therese Zartarian	1997
John W. Moynahan	1998
John B. Tobey	1998
Douglas Abrams	1999
Melvin R. Low	1999
PLANNING BOARD (3-year term)	
Priscilla Patrick	1997
Peter L. Gordon	1997
James D. Brown	1998
Don Philbrick	1998
Gary B. Dodds	1999
Henry M. Cavaretta	1999

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3-year term)

Anastas S. Christo	1997
Gregg Mikolaities	1997
David Wajda	1998
Frank Drake	1999
Betty Menson	1999

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3-year term)

Elizabeth Wentzell	1997
Robert Brown	1997
Bonnie Goodwin	1998
Alex Herlihy	1998
Rodney Rowland	1999
Mark Josephs	1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3-year term)

Richard Baron	1997
Robin Hughes	1998
Richard N. Gustavson	1998
Louise Tallman	1999
James Raynes	1999

RECREATION COMMISSION (3-year term)

David W. Van Rossum	1997
Robert P. Herold	1997
Jon Provencher	1998
Debra Bergeron	1998
Betsy McBride	1998
James A. Mulvey	1999
Patricia Cross	1999

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION (3-year term)

Christopher S. Christo	1997
David Dawley	1997
Joseph G. Mills, Jr.	1999

SEWER COMMISSION (3-year term)

Laurence Tosi	1997
N. Anthony Jackson	1998
Leon Valley	1999

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT (2-year term)

Jane S. Langley (Rye)	1998
John J. McCarthy (New Castle)	1998

RYE WATER DISTRICT (3-year term)

Curt Lovellette	1997
George W. Moynahan, Jr.	1998
Joseph Kenney	1999

LIBRARIAN
Kathleen Teaze

POLICE CHIEF
Bradley B. Loomis

FIRE CHIEF
Bruce E. Walker

PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR
Cornelius "Bud" Moynahan

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Mark N. Zartarian

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Patricia Wood

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Bruce E. Walker

BUILDING INSPECTOR
William R. Jenness

RECREATION DIRECTOR
Jody Jackson

HARBOR MASTER
Leo Axtin

MUNICIPAL COURT
Gerald F. Giles, Justice
Gerald Taube, Special Justice
Christopher S. Christo, Clerk

HEALTH OFFICER
Gail A. Snow, M.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Janet C. Thompson

BEACH COMMISSIONER
Kenneth Fox

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT
Edward J. Ireland

TOWN HALL STAFF
Jeanne Cronin, Selectmen's Secretary

Patricia Cross, Bookkeeper

Joan Dawley, Secretary, Building Inspector - Planning Board

Melia Michaud, Secretary to the Sewer Commission

Walter Parenteau, Clerk of the Works, Sewer Commission

Elizabeth Yeaton, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Therese Zartarian, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Financial issues are always a major concern of taxpayers in any municipality. The Board is pleased to report that we were again able to hold the line on taxes with respect to the municipal portion of the tax rate which is controlled by this Board. The following information details the trends in various tax rates within the Town of Rye over the last five years.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>% +/-</u> <u>95 to 96</u>
<u>Municipal</u>	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.82	\$4.70	\$4.66	-1
<u>School</u>	\$7.00	\$7.86	\$8.26	\$8.93	\$9.82	+10
<u>County</u>	\$1.37	\$1.44	\$1.45	\$1.62	\$1.78	+9.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$12.97	\$13.90	\$14.53	\$15.25	\$16.26	+6.6
<u>Jenness</u>	\$.52	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.63	+26
<u>Rye Bch.</u>	\$.85	\$.60	\$.53	\$.67	\$.64	-5
<u>Rye Water</u>	\$.85	\$.87	\$.95	\$.93	\$1.27	+36.5

The tax rates are set based on the amounts appropriated for each government unit (municipal, school, county etc.) and the net assessed valuation. The assessed valuation for 1996 actually went down after a number of years of increases.

The Net Assessed Valuation of the Town from 1991 through 1996 was:

1991	\$493,729,421
1992	\$497,572,789
1993	\$503,470,539
1994	\$517,732,414
1995	\$525,982,514
1996	\$522,944,097

The decrease in valuation occurred due to a number of factors:

- revaluation of condominiums which reflected dramatically lower value.
- lower valuation of two golf courses
- commercial land reappraisal
- abatements granted by assessors or courts

We fully expect that the assessed valuation will rise again in 1997 due to the high number of building permits outstanding and the amount of construction already started in town.

Despite the increase in new home construction, home additions/renovation and the trend in population increase, we believe that we can maintain the levels

of services now offered without significant increases in personnel, equipment or costs. We are continuing our efforts to hold the line on tax increases.

The Town has operated the Parsonage Apartments for almost two years since their purchase. We have experienced full occupancy the majority of the time. Our costs are more than covered by rental income.

For a number of years, we have worked on the problems of closing the old Grove Road Landfill. The State of New Hampshire has placed this landfill on the list for permanent closure.

The Board hired CMA Engineers of Portsmouth in June 1996 to design the final closure system and obtain closure approval from the State. In the course of this work, it was discovered that there is decomposed trash in part of the local groundwater system. To remove this trash and proceed with the closure system would have increased the estimated price to approximately \$900,000 from our original projection of \$500,000. The Board has voted to investigate the possibility of leaving the landfill as it is with a complete groundwater testing program in place, asking the State to allow us not to cover the landfill as we have no indication of groundwater contamination off site. There is a possibility that after all these years we may not have to spend funds to do a major closure. However, we will not know the position of the State until sometime in 1997.

At this point, all design work has ceased until we have a better indication what the State will accept. We have some confidence that our proposal will be accepted.

As we note every year in this report, RECYCLING OF TRASH IS MANDATORY IN THE TOWN OF RYE IF YOU UTILIZE THE GROVE ROAD RECYCLING CENTER. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECYCLE IF YOU USE A PRIVATE SERVICE! The more the public recycles, the less you pay in taxes for disposal fees.

We continue our long range plans of upgrading our roads and have authorized a townwide drainage study to identify the drainage work that needs to be done over the next several years.

Our program to renovate the Town Hall is almost complete. This year we painted the building outside, the downstairs and replaced carpeting. In 1997, we will complete the handicap access to the building.

Our Recreation Commission has revitalized the recreation programs and has developed plans to provide more and varied services to the Town. We commend this volunteer commission for their hard work.

Town boards and commissions are always looking for volunteers. If you want to become involved in Town affairs, please contact Janet Thompson, Administrative Assistant to the Board. She generally knows of vacancies.

As always, the Board welcomes public input at its meeting every Monday night starting at 6:30 pm. If you want to discuss a specific matter, please call the Board's office by Noon the previous Friday to be scheduled on the formal agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Joseph G. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Norman C. Katner, Vice Chairman
Edward H. Herlihy

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Once again, it's been a very successful budget season. I would like to personally thank each and every member for their time and hard work this year. Some people might not realize the effort that goes into being a member of the budget committee. I would like to personally invite you to attend any of our public meetings that would interest you next year. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Town Hall and in the post office approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

Last of all, I would like to thank the Rye School Board dealing with the budget for the cost controls that were initiated for this coming year. We all knew that we could have been in for quite an increase. The school officials dealing with the increase has estimated the increase to be just seventeen cents (.17) per thousand or possibly even less, and this includes the bond payment.

Once again, a special plaudit to this committee for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas (Doug) Abrams
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

January 1, 1996 Balance		
Checking Account	\$ 130,913.43	
Money Market Investments	41,989.88	
Payroll	2,823.75	
N.H. Public Deposit Pool	<u>2,189,968.88</u>	\$ <u>2,365,695.94</u>
Receipts		14,776,255.55
Disbursements		(13,837,471.52)
December 31, 1996 Balance		
Checking Account	\$ 227,650.73	
Money Market Investments	201,800.90	
Payroll	1,000.00	
N. H. Public Deposit Pool	<u>2,874,028.34</u>	\$ <u>3,304,479.97</u>

Conservation Commission

January 1, 1996 Balance	\$ 24,959.69
Receipts	10,879.70
Disbursements	(1,236.37)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$ <u>34,603.02</u>

Conservation Commission Land Acquisition

January 1 1996 Balance	\$ 16,408.82
Receipts	29,245.19
Transfer	74,700.00
Disbursements	(87,284.77)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$ <u>33,069.24</u>
N.H. Public Pool Deposit Pool Balance	\$ 160,592.90
Receipts	7,384.04
Disbursements Transfer	(74,700.00)
December 31, 1996 Balance	<u>93,276.94</u>

Forest Fund

January 1, 1996 Balance	\$ 391.62
Receipts	9.88
Disbursements	-0-
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$ <u>401.50</u>

Town of Rye Conservation Commission Escrow

July 17, 1996 Balance	\$ 17,000.00
Receipts	162.43
Disbursements	(8,250.00)
December 31, 1996 Balance	<u>8,912.43</u>

Sewerage Fund

January 1, 1996 Balance	\$	82,866.24
Receipts		1,359.43
Disbursements		(40,000.00)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$	<u>44,225.67</u>

Sewerage Fund Operating & Maintenance

January 1, 1996 Balance	\$	214,825.51
Receipts		
Tax Collector		311,097.27
Treasurer		63,986.43
Town Bond Payment		117,113.00
State Grant		122,214.00
Disbursements		(546,131.64)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$	<u>283,104.57</u>

Town of Rye Sewer Escrow

June 19, 1996 Balance	\$	6,000.00
Receipts		51.95
Disbursements		(3,153.18)
December 31, 1996 Balance		<u>2,898.77</u>

Town of Rye Escrow

January 1, 1996 Balance	\$	10,835.90
Receipts		39,794.51
Disbursements		(19,505.30)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$	<u>31,125.11</u>

Town of Rye Victory Lane Escrow

July 19, 1996 Balance	\$	26,000.00
Receipts		308.37
Disbursements		-0-
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$	<u>26,308.37</u>

Town of Rye Parsonage Escrow

January 31, 1996 Balance	\$	2,395.55
Receipts		1,434.33
Disbursements		(1,960.52)
December 31, 1996 Balance	\$	<u>1,869.36</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Flynn
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
 and Monday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm

The revenues from this office are probably a good reflection of the rapid growth the Town of Rye is experiencing. In 1949, motor vehicle registrations alone netted \$6,160.23. Forty years later, in 1989 that number had grown to \$482,145.00. This year, only seven years after that, the motor vehicle revenues totalled \$691,907.50! Similarly, we know in 1996 we registered 1300 more vehicles than we did five years previously, and total revenues are up more than 48%. We also licensed 200 more dogs than we did in 1991. All of this, of course, goes toward reducing the town's tax rate.

In 1992 the town combined the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector, resulting in more efficient use of space and man (or woman) power. About the same time quarterly sewer billing was added to our already active office. We obtained a new computer system for vehicle registrations and initiated the mail-in program a year later. Then we assumed the duties of updating the voter checklist and the town's street book.

This year we've arranged to sell beach parking permits through our office, and with a new twist. The permits will be available year-round. Hopefully, obtaining your beach parking permits will now be more convenient for you. They're still \$5.00 each, and you'll need your vehicle registration(s) with you.

Remember all dogs should be licensed between January 1st and April 30th of each year. An up-to-date Rabies Certificate for each dog is required.

I'm sincerely appreciative of the consistently fine work, dedication and support demonstrated by my deputy, Beth Yeaton, and our assistant, Terry Zartarian. And, I am especially grateful to my husband, Ed, and Beth's husband, Norman, for volunteering to help us paint the office on that terribly stormy Sunday in October; then, moving all the heavy furniture back into place early Monday morning so we could be ready to open at 8:00 o'clock. They did a great job. Thanks guys.

The financial reports for this office appear on the accompanying pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

1996 SUMMARY

Motor Vehicle Registrations	
Permits	\$ 674,467.00
Title Fees	2,298.00
Municipal Agent Fees	15,142.50
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Total Motor Vehicles	\$ 691,907.50
Dog Licenses	\$ 4,562.00
Miscellaneous:	
UCC Filings	\$ 2,062.04
Marriage Licenses	2,475.00
Certified Copies	2,098.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Dredge and Fill Permits	192.00
Civil Forfeitures	425.00
Town Seal	51.00
Articles of Agreement	50.00
Beach Permits	150.00
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Total Miscellaneous	\$ 7,511.04
Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 703,980.54

DR.	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
	1996	1995	1994	PRIOR
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
-BEG. OF YEAR*:		812,066.06	-0-	
Property Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Resident Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Land Use Change	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Yield Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Utilities	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
<u>INVENTORY PENALTIES</u>	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	1,683.51		
TAXES COMMITTED				
-THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	8,956,166.05		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Resident Taxes	-0-		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change	49,046.00		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Yield Taxes	980.58		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Utilities			XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
<u>INVENTORY PENALTIES</u>	8,249.01		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	1,794.22	28,056.69	3,356.22	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	1,260.67	33,558.07		
Collected Resident Tax Penalties				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 9,017,496.53	\$ 875,364.33	\$ 3,356.22	\$ -0-

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF

RYE

YEAR ENDING 12/31/96

CR.	Levy for Year of this Report 1996	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
		1995	1994	1993
REMITTED TO TREAS. DURING FY:				
Property Taxes	8,261,234.38	409,002.41		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	49,046.00			
Yield Taxes	980.58			
Utilities				
Interest	1,260.67	14,044.22		
Penalties	6,356.30	1,540.91		
Conversion to Lien		334,319.72		
Discounts Allowed:				
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	6,555.85	116,457.07	3,356.22	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
Curr.Levy Deeded				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES -END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	690,170.04			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
INVENTORY PENALTIES	1,892.71			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$9,017,496.53	\$ 875,364.33	\$ 3,356.22	\$ -0-

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF

RYE

YEAR ENDING 12/31/96

DR.

Unredeemed Liens
Balance at Beg.
of Fiscal Yr.

Liens Executed
During Fiscal Yr.

INT.
Interest & Costs
Coll. After Lien
Execution

TOTAL DEBITS

CR.
REMITTANCE TO
TREASURER:

Redemptions

Int./Costs(After
Lien Execution)

Abatements of
Unredeemed Taxes

Liens Deeded
To Municipalities

Unredeemed Liens
Bal. End of Year

TOTAL CREDITS

Last Year's Levy 1996	1995	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)	
		1994	1992
	128,059.59	53,114.07	782.41
337,610.92 4,200.41 (SEWER)			
5913.65 COSTS 3981.24	10,369.23 627.19	16,403.08 797.85	298.60
\$ 351,706.22	\$ 139,056.01	\$ 70,315.00	\$ 1081.01

144,787.68	53,937.61	49,879.14	657.24
INT. 5913.65 COSTS 3981.24	10,369.23 627.19	16,403.08 797.85	298.60
3514.07	3359.27	3234.93	
193,509.58	70,762.71		125.17
\$ 351,706.22	\$139,056.01	\$70,315.00	\$ 1,081.01

If you are a tax sale municipality, please use the alternate page 3.

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA
76:15-a)? NO

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

John E. Deland

DATE: JAN. 6, 1997

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
RYE

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF

YEAR ENDING 12/31/96

DR.

Levy for Year of this Report 1996	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
	1995	1994	1993
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
-BEG. OF YEAR*:			
Property Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Resident Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Land Use Change	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Yield Taxes	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Utilities	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX 73,388.99		
	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
TAXES COMMITTED			
-THIS YEAR:		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Property Taxes		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Resident Taxes		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Yield Taxes		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Utilities	257,991.53	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
OVERPAYMENT:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
UTILITIES	92.12	5.00	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	277.25	846.02	
Collected Resident Tax Penalties			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 258,360.90	\$ 74,240.01	\$ - \$ -

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**MS-61**

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF

RYE

YEAR ENDING

12/31/96

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Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
	(Please specify years)		
1996	1995	1994	1993
REMITTED TO TREAS.			
DURING FY:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
Utilities	236,580.01	73,393.99	
Interest	277.25	846.02	
Penalties			
Conversion to Lien			
Discounts Allowed:			
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
Utilities	83.48		
Curr. Levy Deeded			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
-END OF YEAR:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
Utilities	21,420.16		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 258,360.90	\$ 74,240.01	\$

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

I feel very fortunate to be representing the Town of Rye and a group of very fine officers that serve the citizens of this community. These officers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year under all types of weather and conditions. Training has been a priority for all officers and refresher training was conducted with part time officers who have served the Town, but not had the benefit of a complete and formal program for some time. We also have several officers that are certified as instructors enabling us to conduct in-house training. Officer Randy Tompkins is certified as a firearms instructor, and he did an excellent job with the recertifications that are mandated on a yearly basis. Sergeant Scippa and Officer Dejoy are certified instructors for the ASP and certified our officers to carry the ASP. Sergeant Walsh, Officers Dejoy and Tompkins have also acted as FTO's in the training of new personnel as well as refresher training for existing personnel.

We expanded the bike patrol this summer with Sergeant Scippa, Sergeant Sousa, Officer Dejoy, and Officer Pierce. We're hoping to add more hours to this patrol this coming year. This patrol accounted for an increase in drug and alcohol arrests. They also accounted for two indecent exposure arrests as well as a DWI second offense arrest.

The Highway Safety Committee continues to meet every other month. If you have any safety concerns as it relates to roads or their use, you may send them to me at the Police Department, 37 Central Road, and I will address the committee with your concerns.

Two incidents of note involve Sergeant Scippa and Officer Dejoy. The first incident was a young man threatening to take his life by swimming into the ocean in the middle of the night. The officers pulled the man out of the water at a considerable risk to themselves. The second incident was a subject who had made threats involving a handgun earlier in the evening to a Seabrook resident, then allegedly barricaded himself in his residence in Rye, and not responding to police to come out. The officers were able to take the subject into custody without injury.

On the fiscal side, I am happy to say that we turned back approximately \$36,708 to the Town and accounted for \$75,465.20 in revenue. I will also be presenting a flat budget to the Budget Committee and the Town for the fiscal year 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley B. Loomis
Chief of Police

Rye Police Department

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BRADLEY B. LOOMIS
Chief of Police

Hours worked: Loomis 1966

Goff 1821
Peirce 1879, 424.5 OT
Sousa 1914, 313 OT
Walsh 1918, 318 OT
Kendall 104.5
Sawyer 35
Maddocks 123.5
Moynahan 278.5
J. Dolan 114
Warden 72

Colbeth 1779, 216 OT
Tompkins 1756, 339.5 OT
Scippa 1770, 252 OT
Dejoy 1776, 300.5 OT
Garrity 403
Stokel 72
MacKenzie 33
Webster 426
Tutt 422.5
Ward 105.5

Activity: 229 aid citizens

126 accidents
145 animal 7 summons
8 burglary
16 criminal trespass
4 death investigation
42 harassment
6 Juv. delinquent
1 littering
1394 M/V warnings
566 other calls for service
174 suspicious activity
1 reckless conduct
1 stalking
1 sexual assault

409 aid other agencies
264 alarms
22 bad checks
74 criminal mischief
3 criminal threatening
40 domestics
27 Juv. chins
1 Juv. abuse/neglect
8 indecent exposure
396 M/V summons
16 protective custody
68 thefts
2 forgery
1 assault

Arrests: 9 assault 8 domestic related

21 DWI
23 OAS
1 unlawful weapon
3 criminal trespass domestic related
54 alcohol
4 theft
3 resisting arrest/detention
2 indecent exposure
2 reckless driving
2 harassment domestic related

1 issuing bad check
3 disobeying an officer
14 other/warrant
3 disorderly conduct
2 false report
30 drugs
2 criminal mischief
1 littering
1 conduct after accident
1 habitual offender

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire & EMS Department responded to a total of five hundred and ninety eight (598) calls in 1996. The department experienced one major fire and several minor fires this year, but again timely action and response by the department kept these fires minor in nature. Again, I strongly feel this is due to our effective and efficient Fire Inspection and Fire Prevention programs. The Fire Prevention Officer spent numerous hours in the schools and day care centers again this year, teaching fire safety.

This year the Fire Department purchased a new defibrillator, which allows for the Paramedics to do more if needed in a cardiac case. Response time continues to be an average of four to six minutes.

Both the Fire and EMS departments continue to train on a monthly basis to maintain their skills in the respective fields. The Call Fire Department has twenty-six members, twenty-one of whom are Certified Firefighters, the EMS Division consists of four Paramedics, five Intermediates and nineteen EMT Basics.

In 1997, we hope to do renovations to the Fire Station allowing us to gain some additional space, and to be able to get all the apparatus under cover.

FIRE STATISTICS - 307 RUNS

Alarm Activations	38	Haz-Mat	5
Structure	5	Mutual Aid Rcvd	3
M/V Fires	2	Electrical	24
Chimney Fires	3	M/V Accidents	20
Water Problems	51	Brush/Grass	6
Mutual Aid Given	13	Public Assist	8
Unauthorized Burn	13	Fuel Spills	12
Investigations	71	Lock-Out/Ins	2
Oil Burner	10	Ambul Assist	20
Police Assist	4	Newcastle Fire Disp	62

AMBULANCE STATISTICS - 291 RUNS

In Town Ambulance Calls	279	Mutual Aid Given	12
Mutual Aid Received	12		

In closing, I would like to thank all the officers, members of the department, the town boards, and residents for their assistance and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Walker
Fire Chief

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

The Town of Rye was fortunate again in 1996 experiencing very minor problems with brush fires. The fire department only responded to six (6) brush fires and thirteen (13) unauthorized burns. Four hundred and fifty four (454) brush permits were issued to the residents during the year.

A reminder from the fire department that a permit is required for any outside type fire. If any resident has a question feel free to contact the department.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Walker
Forest Fire Warden

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1996 was a mixed year for Rye's Emergency Management Department. We started the year in a training mode in preparation for our Federal Emergency Management Agency graded exercise and put all our training to use during the October 21-22 rain and flooding in Rye.

Training commenced early in 1996 with all town departments involved. This training included but was not limited to traffic control management, radiological monitoring, siren activation, operation of an emergency operating center, and media relations. Training was both individual, by departments or teams.

We activated our Emergency Operation Center four times during the year. Three of the activations were in preparation for our Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) graded exercise. The fourth activation was for the October 21-22 rain and flooding. During this activation a "State of Emergency for Rye" was declared. This declaration coupled with many others in the state resulted in a Presidential Declaration. More than sixty families applied for federal disaster relief during this period. In addition the Town of Rye applied and was approved for a federal/state grant.

During 1997, we will continue our emergency response preparedness training. Rye has been approved under the Emergency Management Assistance program for a grant of \$5,000 in matching funds.

I would like to thank all departments and personnel for their many hours of time for training and actual emergency work. This time and effort really showed during our graded exercise and especially during the October storm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark N. Zartarian
Director

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 1996, the Rye Highway Department reclaimed, rebuilt, and repaved sections of the following roads:

1. Washington Road - Grove Road to Rye Center
5,808'L x 24'W Cost: \$ 101,055
2. Blueberry Lane/Mt. View Terrace
208' L x 22' W Cost: \$ 1,886
3. West Road - Washington Road to South Road
5,913'L x 23' W (2" binder course) Cost: \$ 80,441
4. Lang Road - Washington Road to existing overlay
1,700'L x 24" W - Shim with 1" overlay
Cost: \$ 9,380
5. Love Lane - Culvert to Water Line Project
1,690'L x 21' W - Shim pave Cost: \$ 6,622
6. Central Road/Cable Intersection
Reclaim, regrade, pave, install curbing and
signage Cost: \$ 21,328

New drainage was installed in the following areas:

1. West Road - 2,255' pipe with 15 catch basins.
2. Parsons Road - 230' pipe with 3 catch basins.
3. Washington Road - 120' pipe with 3 catch basins with outfall.
4. Love Lane - 60' pipe with 1 catch basin.

There were many winter storms and heavy fall rains in 1996. The Highway Department put out 927 tons of salt and 2,423 tons of sand for the year.

The Rye Recycle Center processed 467 tons of materials in 1996. The total amount of waste transported to Turnkey Landfill was 913.66 tons compared to 2,452 tons transported in 1995. The Town of Rye recycled 51% of solid waste in 1996 compared to 24% in 1995.

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>COST AVOIDANCE</u>
Textiles	4.79		412	269
No Sho Mix	138		181	7,727
Alum Cans	7.2		4,527	404
Special News	112		1,906	6,274
Occ (cardboard)	64		2,580	3,586
Glass (clear)	46		865	2,597
Glass (brown)	48		686	2,666
Glass (green)	23		N/R	1,268
Plastics(HDPE Color)	3.39	6,768	178	190
Plastics (HDPE Nat)	5.6	11,223	1,684	315
Plastics (PETE ML)	5.4	10,792	321	303
Tin Cans	10		355	561
Scrap Iron			2,782	
TOTALS:	467	28,783	\$16,477	\$26,160

Combined revenue and cost avoidance totals \$42,637 savings to the Town.

On behalf of all of the people who frequent the Swap Shop, I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Grunert for all of their hard work in keeping the Swap Shop in working order. I wish them well in their retirement. Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Ireson are the new caretakers of the Swap Shop.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornelius "Bud" Moynahan
Public Works Director

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

During 1996, two hundred and thirty five (235) building permits were issued resulting in payments of \$44,164 in fees. This amount represents a minimum of \$15,000,000 in potential valuation to be added to the tax base upon completion of the permitted construction.

The Rye Building Code, approved by the voters at the 1984 Town Meeting, states "There shall be a building inspector" and raised the building permit fee to \$5 per thousand for the purpose of offsetting the expense of operation. Building Officials and Code Administrations (BOCA) National Building Code, approved by the 1994 Town Meeting, brought Rye codes in line with the State of NH and the major portion of this country as it defines standards and describes the scope and responsibilities of my office.

In 1996, we had twenty new starts, down two as compared with 1995. My work load increased nevertheless as witnessed by the fact that building permit fees were up \$7,468 in the same period. Of the two hundred and thirty five building permits issued in 1996, two hundred and fifteen represent addition, renovation and demolition/rebuilding projects, all of which require up to eleven inspections each. It should be noted that the building permit fee figure (\$44,164) does not include any charge for the five plus million dollar school construction projects. Both school projects are large and complicated requiring considerable time on my part as I am on site daily.

Building activity is not likely to slow soon. Potential for continued building is evidenced by the large number of test pits I witnessed during the latter half of 1996 as well as the increased number of subdivisions currently before the Planning Board. The interrelationship of the Building Inspector, Planning Board, and Board of Adjustment is necessary and ongoing. My work load is increased by the decisions of these two boards. Regardless of the type of building activity involved, that work begins and ends in my office.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank Jeff Sargent, State Electrical Inspector, for his assistance. At no expense to the Town, Jeff has assisted with every major electrical inspection since I have been in this office. He is widely respected, meticulous and thorough, a role model in his field. As a town, we have had the benefit of Jeff's expertise for eleven years, and we owe him a debt of gratitude that can be best comprehended by acknowledgement of our spotless safety record regarding electrical fires related to permitted construction during this period. Jeff has left State employment to accept a position with the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Jenness
Building Inspector

RECREATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

This year marked a turning point for the Rye Recreation Commission. In May, the Commission hired Jody Jackson for the position of part time Recreation Coordinator. By the end of the summer, the Commission was at full strength with seven members. Revenue increased by 99% over the previous year, with a record \$15,160.

With Jody's guidance, the existing recreation programs increased enrollment. A number of new programs were added, such as Spring Soccer, Soccer "F" Licensing Clinic for adults, Youth Basketball, and two youth art classes. Other sponsored activities included the Fishing Derby, summer youth tennis camp (*in conjunction with the Longfield Tennis Club), a basketball Turkey Shoot, and the revival of the Teddy Bear's Picnic.

The Summer Youth Program increased its enrollment by 50% from last year, with a total of 93 children. The program was very interactive, designed to provide a positive experience for the children through a low child to counselor ratio. Counselors were chosen partially based upon their belief that children be treated with a positive attitude, as well as respect for their individual personalities. Multi-aged blending provided an alternative socialization experience to their recently completed school year. The activities, crafts and field trips reflected the three unit themes of Oceanography, Colonial Times and Ecology.

The Soccer Youth Camp was a success again this year, with 119 children participating. The camp was run by Paul Willis of Seacoast United Soccer Club. The Rye Recreation Department was pleased to offer this program to the children in preparation for the Fall Youth Soccer Program.

The July 4th Celebration included an Antique Parade in the morning with antique cars, an antique fire truck, a horse drawn carriage, clowns, and Uncle Sam himself! The evening festivities included pony rides, Tug-O-War, games, music and food cooked by the Rye Fireman's Association. An excellent display of fireworks by Jack Tobey finished off the evening with an estimated crowd of 500 looking on.

This year, 240 boys and girls from Kindergarten to 6th grade, an increase of 10% over last year, played Fall Youth Soccer. The Commission also introduced Spring Soccer, with approximately 135 children taking part. The Popularity of the sport is increasing every year, and with the help of parents and coaches, the soccer program will continue to grow.

This year, the Recreation Commission was able to acquire the use of the Rye Junior High School gymnasium on Saturdays and Sundays with the cooperation of Principal George Cushing, the School Board and the RJHS building staff. Weekend programs included Youth Basketball, with 185 participants, Open Gym time with a schedule accommodating all age groups wishing to play basketball, and Adult Co-ed Volleyball.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all those who participated, coached, supported, and volunteered their time to make the Rye Recreation programs so successful. We urge all residents to contact the Recreation Department (964-6281) with suggestions and ideas as to how we can continue to improve our service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
John Provencher
Chairman

BEACH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

We are pleased to report that we had no drownings or serious injuries this past summer even though several hurricanes brushed us by near Labor Day. The water temperature cooperated nicely and reached 70 degrees on August 5, 1996; at 1:00 PM.

The new portable radios gave us direct communication between all beach personnel and emergency rescue departments. This was a giant step forward for safety. The additional lifeguards increased our coverage at all our beaches and the new lockers gave us easier access to our equipment.

Recently, we were informed by the family of George McDevitt that his death on Labor Day, 1995 was not due to drowning, but was the result of a heart attack. While this does not diminish in anyway the sorrow felt by his friends and family, it does help me and our lifeguards to put closure on this very upsetting incident. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the family, and we thank them for this information.

I am a native of this area and my fondness for the beaches began as a child growing up on the seacoast. While others went to camp in the summer, I was at the beach every day. I was a lifeguard in Rye while attending college. I left this area after finishing school to pursue a career and moved back in 1980.

The beaches in Rye are our most valuable natural resource and as an adult, I felt volunteering to help with the lifeguards was a way of giving back to the community I loved so much.

I have been your Beach Commissioner for the past fifteen years. A position I consider a privilege to hold, and one which I took very seriously. On November 1, 1996, I sent a letter to the Selectmen asking them not to consider me as a candidate for reappointment when my term ends in March, 1997. After fifteen years, it is time to relinquish this responsibility to someone else.

I would like to thank the following people who were instrumental in helping me in this position:

Janet Thompson and her very capable staff whose continuing support, advice, and belief in my ideas was a constant reassuring source of comfort to me for so many years.

Bud Moynahan and his crew who couldn't do enough to help me whether it was building guard stands or picking up seaweed. I always wanted things done "now", and they never refused me.

Brad Loomis and his officers were always lending support whenever they were called. This past summer they stayed on the beach with us through the Labor Day weekend hurricane.

Bruce Walker, the firemen and ambulance crew whose help was always appreciated and for allowing us to recharge our radios at the Fire Station.

Ed Herlihy, whose continuous support of me and my programs was always comforting.

Richard Philbrick who never missed a pickup in fifteen years which helped considerably to keep our beaches clean.

Jim Donahue, State of New Hampshire Hampton Beach Supervisor, and his staff for allowing us to participate in their lifeguard testing program for the past fifteen years.

The over one hundred women and men I worked with through the years who courageously and unselfishly gave of themselves to maintain safety at our beaches.

Lastly, I am pleased and proud to report that over the past fifteen years we have had no drownings and no serious injuries.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fox
Beach Commissioner

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 1996 Rye residents continued to use their Library in record numbers. Patrons wanting leisure reading, information for school projects, investment information, and access to the Internet were served by our staff, whose increasing expertise in Readers' Advisory, using computerized databases, navigating the internet made the Rye Public Library able to provide for nearly every request. Our Internet service, provided free by Ultraset, was heavily used. At the same time, however, books and other reading materials went out in record numbers--17 books per year per resident.

Items Checked Out	78,000
Titles Added	2,468
Titles Withdrawn	2,020
Number of Card Holders	3,256
Card Holders Added	467

The Children's Room has always been a busy place and 1996 was no exception. Circulation figures continued to rise and attendance was high.

The Parents-and-Two-Year-Olds often overflowed our program space, reflecting an influx of families with small children in Rye. Spring's Munch Bunch (lunch-and-story) program ended in May with a Teddy Bears Picnic on the front lawn of the library. The weather was splendid, and many stuffed friends were accompanied by their significant others.

Twenty-six "shelf-motivated" people between the ages of eight and 12 spent part of their summer vacation volunteering at the library. They attended training workshops to learn how to do various jobs. Sam Bishop and David Charette logged over 170 hours between them, and Hannah Kimball continues to volunteer on a regular basis after school. They enjoyed having some responsibility for their library and we appreciated their help.

Alice would have felt right at home at our Mad Hatter Party, held on the library lawn on a beautiful August Saturday morning. Guests of all ages made "mad" hats, played croquet with flamingoes and hedgehogs (handmade by library staff), "painted the roses red" in a relay race, and sat down to "tea" and refreshments.

Nearly 200 children signed up for the "Reading...The Best Game Around" summer reading program. With an amusement park theme, young readers created a gigantic roller coaster on a mural incorporating the many hundreds of books they read during vacation. At summer's end, the library held a "Reading is a Family aFair" carnival on Parsons Field.

With heavy hearts we said goodbye to Susan Laun Brough, who left the library in December after nine years as Head of Youth Services. Her knowledge, caring and creativity will be much missed. Her replacement, Sharon Holsapple, an enthusiastic and experienced Children's Librarian, comes to us from the Rice Public Library in Kittery and has made herself a vital part of the staff already.

As always we are so grateful for all of our community support and encouragement. Special thanks to the Rye Driftwood Garden Club, for keeping our window boxes looking beautiful, to the Rye Art Study group, and the Rye Lions Club for their continued support, and to RSVP, which provides our faithful volunteers, Irene Maskwa and Marjorie Little.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Teaze
Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Another exciting year for the Rye Public Library. The Rye Library Development Program has been a great success. Under the leadership of Ned Tate, Chairman, and Dr. Robert O'Brien, Honorary Chairman, the Development Program has nearly completed its goal of raising \$500,000 from private donations for the renovation and new construction to the Rye Public Library. With over 400 contributions from Rye citizens, businesses and private foundations ranging from a few dollars to a whopping \$100,000 irrevocable trust from Captain Charles W. McElroy, the Development program has raised over 95% of the \$500,000 target and the remaining 5% is expected to be raised within the next month.

The Library Trustees are very excited about beginning the construction phase of the Library expansion project. We have been working closely with Peter Tennant from Tennant/Wallace Architects over the last year and we have received invaluable guidance from Dr. Victor Azzi finalizing the construction plans. With the passage of a warrant article at this year's town meeting to complete the funding for the expansion project, it is expected that construction of the library addition and renovation will begin in early fall of this year and be completed by spring of 1998. The new construction will add 4,580 square feet to the library which is a 50% increase to the current building. The new construction will provide an expansion to the children's circulation and adult circulation as well as provide new space for computer activities and meeting rooms. Off street parking will also be provided for the library and other town use.

Respectively submitted,
Mark C. Eppl
Chairman

PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

During the year, three new Planning Board committees were created to help the Board develop a greater level of in-depth focus in the three major areas of Board responsibility:

- Long Range Planning Committee has oversight for all planning functions including the Rye Master Plan now in the final stages of a major update.

- Technical Review Committee has the responsibility for review and analysis of all applications submitted to the Board.

- Rules and regulations Committee has oversight for modifications and updates for Rules and Procedures and all Regulations (Zoning, Land Development, Building and Flood Plain).

All committee actions are reviewed and approved or authorized by the full Board before they become official. The full use of active committees should streamline regular meetings.

All six of the Planning Board amendments, a Flood Plain change, and a Building Code change, recommended to the voters in March were approved.

There were twelve regular Planning Board meetings which included hearing and advising six conceptual consultations and hearing and acting on three voluntary mergers, six lot line adjustments, five subdivisions creating thirteen new lots, a condominium conversion and seven site plan reviews. Additionally there was one public hearing regarding zoning amendments and twenty-three other meetings including work sessions, committee meetings and site visits.

Two new roads were approved, Rands Lane off Wallis Road serving a six lot subdivision; and Stoneridge Drive off Sagamore Road with a 7 lot subdivision. Two single lots were created, one on Brackett Road from Gail Worden Lennon, and one on Garland Road for Dr. Harold Hoefle. Also approved was the conversion of Sea Meadow Condominiums, formerly five apartment units on Wallis Road belonging to Nancy Fort. Site Plans reviewed include an addition and added parking for the Bank of NH at 500 Washington Road, an addition to Big Al's Auto Parts at 135 Lafayette Road, a deck addition for Hemingways Restaurant at 2000 Ocean Boulevard and a new entrance and parking plan for the Montessori School at 80 Sagamore Road.

1997 will include a priority push to complete the Master Plan update, receive public input, and publish this look-to-future; actions to update and make the zoning and land development regulations more user friendly; and initiation of a revision of the Capital Improvements Program.

Citizens at large are invited to work as volunteers serving on one or more of the three committee.

The attendance and dedication of the Board Members, Alternates, Selectmen's Representative, staff and volunteers has been excellent. Gary and Jim are very grateful for this.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Brown
Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S REPORT

The Board of Adjustment consists of five (5) selectmen appointed members; Chairman David Wajda; Vice Chairman Frank Drake; Clerk Anastas S. Christo; Gregg Mikolaities and Betty Menson. The alternates are Glen Trefethen and Michael Cavaretta.

The duties and powers of the board are prescribed by NH State Law and delineated in the Rye Zoning Ordinance. Mostly, the board hears three (3) types of appeals:

VARIANCES: to authorize upon appeal, in specific cases, variances from the terms of the ordinance provided that all five of these conditions can be met:

1. The variance can be granted without diminishing the value of abutting property;
2. Granting the variance will be of benefit to the public interest;
3. Denial of variance will result in unnecessary hardship to the owner because of unique features of the land;
4. Granting the variance will do substantial justice;
5. The variance can be granted without violating the spirit of the ordinance.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: to decide special exceptions to the ordinance which are specially delineated in the ordinance. The granting of a special exception is a matter of right, not a privilege provided that: the request is not injurious or detrimental to the neighborhood; is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance and; meets all the rules and requirements for that exception.

APPEALS: to hear appeals from administrative decisions where it is alleged that the Zoning Administrator (Building Inspector) has incorrectly applied terms of the ordinance.

The board heard 33 petitions in 1996 as follows:

	Granted	Denied	Dismissed
28 Variances	20	5	3
2 Special Exceptions	2		
3 Appeals	1		2

The power to grant appeals is treated with respect and with the knowledge that the task of the BOA is to correct inequities and not to create them.

The BOA had a 1996 budget appropriation of \$4,699 and expended \$4,542. It had revenues of approximately \$3,000.

The members of the board have consistently demonstrated a very professional attitude in determining the merits of all the petitions that have been presented to them. I thank them for their fine cooperation.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Joan Dawley and Bill Jenness of the Building Inspector's Office for their fine support and cooperation.

Terry Zartarian, our most capable secretary, continues to faithfully fulfill the many responsibilities delegated to her. I am truly grateful for her expertise and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastas S. Christo
Clerk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

In 1996, the number of wetland applications that require conservation site inspections with owners and engineers has increased and the Conservation Commission has made progress in maintaining our desire to have minimum impact in wetland buffer zones. The developers on Central Road and Pioneer Road each agreed to wetland mitigation projects affecting fifteen (15) acres of salt marsh restoration and three acres of wetlands plantings. Two other owners have agreed to conservation easements on the property to be developed that will affect nearly forty (40) acres including part of the Belly Hack Bog.

Conservation Commission members participated in two public hearings at the Wetlands Board concerning placing fill and increasing the height of the seawall on the first eight lots south of Jenness Beach which is in the buffer zone and the property at Ocean Boulevard and Wallis Road that was replacing a failed septic system adjacent to the salt water brook in the Wallis Marsh. New Hampshire Wetlands allowed both of these even though Rye town regulations are more restrictive.

Three wetland complaints were filed by the Conservation Commission for violations that occurred in Rye. One was for clearing and filling in a wetland on Central Road, one was for raw sewage in Sagamore Creek on Wentworth Road, and one was for trying to build a dam to restrict the flow of Berry's Brook between Brackett and Pioneer Road.

The Conservation Commission mission statement:

The Rye Conservation Commission is committed to the protection and proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission will serve as gatekeeper for environmental concerns in the Town of Rye and act as advisors to other municipal boards. The Commission will be a resource for information about Rye's natural resources and environmental welfare.

During 1996, the Rye Selectmen voted to allow conservation management of Town owned land that is adjacent to marshes and wetlands which will allow further protection and public access. The conservation portion of the current use penalty when property is developed in 1996 was over \$20,000. This has allowed the Conservation Land Acquisition account to be maintained as land is acquired for public use and wildlife protection.

The Conservation Commission and the New Hampshire Coastal Program is completing another matching grant salt marsh restoration project to replace a failed culvert and open marsh channel at Route 1A and Locke Road. The Rye Public Works Director and Sue Hoey, District Conservationist for USDA, helped plan and supervise this \$44,000 project. The Conservation Commission has a plan for other projects in the area when other funds (\$40,000) became available from the Environmental Protection Agency. Rye was selected for the no match continued restoration of the salt marsh at Locke Road and a coastal flooding study which is being completed this winter. This will increase the total salt marsh restoration in the Town of Rye to nearly one hundred and fifty acres during the past three years. In 1997, the Rye Conservation Commission will be making application to the NH Coastal Program to work in

conjunction with the Federal Reserve Program to restore over one hundred and seventeen (117) acres of Parsons Creek, Wallis salt marsh.

During 1996, I feel that the most important items accomplished by the Rye Conservation Commission was the acquisition of four (4) parcels of land. Glenn and Prudence Trefethen donated over twenty (20) acres abutting Berry's Brook. Harlan and Doris Goodwin donated five (5) acres adjacent to the Varrell Property including an island in the Awcomin Marsh. The Rye Conservation Commission purchased three (3) acres on Wallis Road on the southerly side of the road in the salt marsh and eighteen (18) acres off Washington Road known as the Varrell Woods.

Daane Crook has joined the Rye Conservation Commission as an alternate this year. Daane is an attorney for the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement and is a valuable addition to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
James S. Raynes
Chairman

MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION'S REPORT

In 1996, the Commission concentrated on controlling mosquitos in the wetlands breeding areas (larvaciding). No street spraying (adulticiding) was conducted on the town roads and streets of Rye. Fewer adult mosquitos were observed in 1996, due to weather conditions and tides. Adulticiding is a temporary measure that quickly reduces mosquito infestations. Adulticiding is not a placebo and mosquito surveys indicate that it is an effective measure.

Mosquito Control agencies throughout New England are concerned about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). EEE is a disease transmitted to humans from certain bird populations through mosquito bites. EEE is often fatal in humans and horses. EEE was found in mosquito populations on the coastlines of Connecticut and Rhode Island in 1996. The Commission is extremely concerned with this disease, as the same species of mosquito are found in Rye. Currently, the chances of an occurrence of EEE in Rye are remote and we will continue to monitor this situation. Also, the Asian Tiger Mosquito is capable of transmitting a wide variety of diseases through biting. The Tiger Mosquito was introduced in Texas in the 1980's and is travelling to the northern latitudes. The tiger is an extremely aggressive type of mosquito and in 1996, was found in New Jersey.

The Mosquito Control Commission started the Mummichog Project in 1996. The project involves mummichogs (a minnow that lives and breeds in saltmarsh areas). Mummichogs are extremely efficient at eating mosquito larvae. Many saltmarsh areas had been drained by ditching years ago and in many areas the minnows could not access the mosquito larvae. The plan was to capture and release mummichogs in order to determine their potential for controlling mosquito breeding. It was found that the mummichogs were successful in the areas where they were introduced. Your commission plans to continue to expand the Mummichog Project. This project was featured in The Boston Globe and on New England Cable News.

In 1997, the Mosquito Control Commission will investigate the potential of working with federal agencies to exchange the mummichog operations by excavating ponds and addressing the impacted drainage areas in our saltmarshes.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Dawley
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION'S REPORT

During 1996 the Historic District made significant strides forward in communicating with the owners in the District. A newsletter of events in the District was inaugurated. The newsletter began as a business type letter chronicling the events at Parsons Field and changes in the District. It evolved into a newspaper format with the addition of contributed articles on the historic buildings. The purpose of the letter is to help all the people who live or work in the District to better appreciate what a special place it is. The Rye Historic District is small but contains historically and architecturally significant buildings along Washington Road from Grange Park, by the Junior High, to Central Road as well as the Cable House at 20 Old Beach Road, and structures on the Isles of Shoals.

Significant time was spent in reviews of the construction changes in the District. The proposed expansion of the Bank of New Hampshire was approved in May. The Junior High School expansion and the Bethany Church expansion conceptual plan were reviewed for comment. Throughout the year minor renovations to private homes were reviewed for compliance.

Probably the largest time was spent in examining how the Rye Zoning Ordinance applies to the Historic District. The commission members analyzed the ordinances of Exeter, Amherst, Portsmouth, Rye Beach and the guidelines of the American National Planning Guide. The result of this analysis was that we discovered significant exposure in the protections given to the District. Several of these exposures are addressed in the zoning ordinance amendments to be proposed to the town in 1997.

The Commission has and will continue to focus on issues at Parsons Field. The guidelines for the use of Parsons Field were, at the request of the Selectmen, updated in mid year to assure that events were truly Rye events and not just events for people from other places using a conveniently open field. A project for 1997 is to maximize the use of Parsons Field for Rye enjoyment as intended by Mrs. Parsons and the committee who made the acquisition of the land possible.

The goals of the Historic District Commission members remain unchanged in fostering civic beauty, enhancing property values, and preserving the history of the Town of Rye. These enhance the pleasure, education, and welfare of all Rye citizens. To accomplish the goals, the Commission is committed to:

- Promoting the preservation and maintenance of the properties within the Historic District
- Insuring that additions and alterations are in harmony with the District
- Reviewing new uses of land or buildings within the District.
- Serving as a forum for public comment on each project.
- Establishing communication between applicants, Town Agencies, and abutters.

The public is invited to attend all Commission meetings. All property owners and Rye Town officials are urged to review projects with the Commission from the early stages, when changes are easiest. Public comments, participation, and suggestions are always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert T. Brown
Chairman

TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES

NAME	POSITION/DEPARTMENT	WAGES
Abrams, Douglas K.	Call Firefighter	\$ 885.00
*Adams, Lee J.	Transfer Station Attendant	31,845.63
Allen, James E.	Police Special	90.00
Asquith, Richard J.	Emergency Management	93.50
Atkinson, Christy	Beach Lifeguard	3,256.92
Barrett, Stephen R.	Library Page	8,732.50
Bernardin, John F.	Call EMT/Firefighter	685.50
*Blaisdell, Leon C.	Fire Lieutenant	47,810.25
Blaisdell, Susan E.	Emergency Management	75.00
Bova, Kimberly A.	Recreation Department	2,024.00
Bromfield, Edwin A.	Custodian	5,994.10
*Brough, Susan D. Laun	Ass't Director/Youth Serv.	34,620.00
Bruce, Mandi A.	Beach Lifeguard	2,332.16
Catalino, Josephine R.	Planning Board Secretary	1,830.00
Chase, James M.	Transfer Station Attendant	11,216.63
Chichester, Madelin L.	Supr of Checklist	507.38
Cochran, April M.	Recreation Department	205.06
*Colbeth, Peter C.	Patrolman	43,114.18
Collyer, Kathleen M.	Police Special	264.00
Connifey, Timothy J.	Police Special	110.00
Cook, Melissa J.	Recreation Department	699.00
Crane, Eric A.	Police Special	140.00
*Cronin, Jeanne M.	Selectmen's Secretary	26,092.07
Cross, Calvin L.	Call Firefighter	538.25
*Cross, Patricia A.	Bookkeeper	29,667.49
Cushing, Sarah J.	Beach Lifeguard	54.38
Cutting, Ralph J.	Appraiser	8,287.52
*Dawley, Joan A.	Building Inspector's Secretary	19,377.82
*DeJoy, Brian S.	Patrolman	44,433.56
DeVries, Sharon	Moderator	400.00
Disalvo, Mark R.	Beach Lifeguard	1,575.00
*Dodds, David A.	Highway Department	38,577.41
Dodds, Gary Bruce	Call EMT/Firefighter	4,347.00
Dolan, John L.	Police Special	1,000.00
Early, Robert A.	Police Special	750.00
Elsea, Susan	Library Page	1,568.00
Farnese, Joseph A.	Police Special	90.00
Fessenden, Michael C.	Call EMT/Firefighter	828.75
Flanders, John W., Sr.	Police Special	160.00
Flynn, Barbara J.	Treasurer	16,611.00
Fontaine, Michael R.	Recreation Department	205.06
Forbes, Kenneth C.	Police Special	130.00
Fournier, Kirsten	Beach Lifeguard	2,851.95
Froehling, John H.	Call Firefighter	273.00
Garritty, Timothy P.	Police Special	5,616.25
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Highway Department	4,371.45
Gherardi, Marcus G.	Beach Lifeguard	3,344.19
Giguere, James W.	Police Special	80.00
*Goff, Harriet	Police Dispatcher/Secretary	33,270.46
Goodnow, Christopher L.	Police Special	220.00
Greenleaf, Roy L.	Call EMT/Firefighter	1,849.50

Harvey, Donald E.	Police Special	290.00
Herlihy, Edward H.	Selectman	3,675.00
Hickson, Cynthia L.	Deputy Treasurer	55.25
*Hill, Roy Lee	Highway Department	32,511.25
Homiak, Gary B.	Police Special	920.00
Hordon, Ronald A.	Call EMT	813.00
Howland, Robert L.	Police	46,476.80
Hunkins, Michael J.	Police Special	260.00
*Ireland, Edward J.	Cemetery Superintendent	41,829.29
*Ireland, Jane E.	Town Clk/Tax Coll/Tr Fund	37,390.76
Ireland, Jessica L.	Recreation Department	748.50
Jackson, Johanna D.	Recreation Department	11,205.00
*Jautais, Pamela E.	Adult Services Librarian	21,334.72
*Jenness, Christopher	Highway Department	38,108.55
*Jenness, William R.	Building Inspector	27,429.23
Johnson, Deborah L.	Cons Comm Secretary	1,926.76
Johnson, Lynn S.	Library Custodian	700.00
Kates, Robert J.	Library Custodian	2,600.00
Katner, Norman C.	Selectman	3,675.00
Kendall, Gregory C.	Police Special	1,175.00
Keyser, Joseph William	Call Firefighter	176.25
*Kornechuk, David	Firefighter	36,977.56
Krespach, Judy M.	Call EMT	1,920.00
Kuchinski, Candace L.	Beach Lifeguard	2,025.00
Ladrie, Alan	Call Firefighter	904.00
*Laing, Steven J.	Firefighter	50,834.57
Lajoe, Jason M.	Call EMT/Firefighter	3,919.50
Law, Charles T. Jr.	Police Special	120.00
Layton, Daniel M.	Call EMT/Firefighter	599.25
Lear, John C.	Call EMT/Firefighter	4,315.00
*Leary, Robert J.	Highway Department	40,773.52
Lindsay, Marcia E.	Recreation Department	88.50
Littlefield, Nathalie	Town Clerical/Beach Permits	260.00
*Loomis, Bradley B.	Police Chief	45,283.24
Lovell, Matthew D.	Call Firefighter	102.00
MacKenzie, Jay A.	Police Special	962.00
Maclean, Sean P.	Police Special	190.00
Maddocks, Michael E.	Police Special	2,537.00
Maloney, Michael P.	Police Special	120.00
Manni, John J.	Police Special	140.00
McCormick, Catherine J.	Recreation Department	451.50
Merrill, Todd G.	Beach Lifeguards	2,041.92
Metalious, Stefanie R.	Library Page	3,983.00
Michaud, Melia C.	Sewer Commission Secretary	8,263.75
*Millet, Frederick	Highway Department	40,643.65
Mills, Joseph G., Jr.	Selectman	3,675.00
Moore, Andrew E.	Beach Lifeguards	3,105.06
Morrill, Charles	Highway Department	1,898.82
*Moynahan, Cornelius G.	Public Works Director	45,894.26
Moynahan, Jeanne M.	Crosswalk Guard	2,775.00
*Moynahan, Kenneth M.	Firefighter	49,872.83
Murphy, John S.	Library Custodian	1,900.00
Naas, Olivier A.	Police Special	110.00
Neff, Michael K.	Beach Lifeguard	1,881.25
Nelson, Karen R.	Call Firefighter	1,069.00

Nickerson, Brian W.	Call EMT/Firefighter	1,425.00
Nye, James E.	Police Special	110.00
Ochetto, Jodi L.	Budget Comm Secretary	785.00
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	227.51
Orestis, Nikolaos	Call Firefighter	468.00
Paisley, Kellie A.	Recreation Department	705.00
*Paradis, Jr., Paul H.	Highway Mechanic	35,043.45
Parenteau, Walter J.	Sewer Clerk of Works	9,249.38
Partington, Wayne F.	Police Special	260.00
Patrick, John W.	Election Worker	61.75
*Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Patrolman	47,592.69
Peirce, Mark W.	Police Special	60.00
Pepin, Michael T.	Call EMT	819.00
Percuoco, Anne M.	Deputy Tax Coll/Twn Clrk	99.28
Peters, Leo Joesph	Call Firefighter	133.25
Petsel, Andrew S.	Call Firefighter	78.75
Pfister, Gylene	Police Special	190.00
Philbrick, Alden W.	Call Firefighter	1,125.00
Pollock, Evan N.	Call Firefighter	702.00
Powell, Sarah R.	Election Workers	57.38
*Quinn, Patricia R.	Adult Services Librarian	23,167.36
Radzius, Dziugas I.	Call EMT/Firefighter	105.00
Rau, Susan M.	Call EMT	21.00
Redden, Donald M.	Police Special	300.00
Ritchie, Mark P.	Call EMT/Firefighter	170.00
Roberts, Thomas H.	Beach Lifeguard	3,761.25
Rodriguez, Jason	Police Special	230.00
*Sanborn, Jennifer	Children's Servs Librarian	10,529.35
Sawtell, Susan A.	Call EMT	993.75
Sawyer, Jr., Richard E.	Police Special	390.00
Schottler, Dawn	Police Special	569.00
*Scippa, John	Sergeant	47,020.22
Scully, William T.	Police Special	130.00
Seaver, Emily	Election Worker	248.76
Snell, Douglas B.	Call EMT	72.00
Snow, M.D., Gail Ann	Health Officer	3,000.00
Snyder, Paula S.	Election Worker	223.26
Sonneborn, Hannah E.	Recreation Department	63.75
Sonneborn, Jeffrey J.	Recreation Department	164.69
*Sousa, Mark A.	Detective Sergeant	47,921.11
South, Michael R.	Police Special	310.00
Squires, John C.	Deputy Building Inspector	1,392.50
Stanley, Jr., Kenneth	Call EMT/Firefighter	2,040.75
Stokel, Joshua E.	Police Special	576.00
Sysyn, Eric B.	Beach Lifeguard	1,120.52
*Teaze, Kathleen A.	Library Director	37,212.13
Teaze, Lindsay	Library Page	497.50
*Thompson, Janet C.	Adm.Ass't./Spvr.of Chcklst	38,576.23
Tibbetts, Dean A.	Call Firefighter	360.00
*Tompkins, Randall B.	Patrolman	47,070.68
Tracey, Marnie	Children Serv's Librarian	3,815.96
Tutt, Brian S.	Call EMT/Firefighter	5,986.50
Tutt, Lorna	Call EMT/Police Special	4,177.25
Vozella Jr., Joseph A.	Election Worker	174.38
*Walker, Bruce E.	Assistant Fire Chief	47,346.68

Walker, Margaret A.	Emergency Management	75.00
Walker, Sarah	Call EMT	75.00
*Walsh, Kevin P.	Sergeant	47,809.08
Ward, Kenneth J.	Police Summer Special	922.50
Warden, Colleen M.	Police Animal Control	996.00
Warnock, Steven J.	Police Special	590.00
Webster, Mark D.	Police Special	4,758.75
White Jr., Donald Allen	Police Special	1,540.00
Whittet, Robert James	Call EMT/Firefighter	4,373.50
Wilson, David M.	Highway Department	1,433.56
Wood, Patricia E.	Welfare Director	4,938.00
Wright, Joseph A.	Call EMT	63.00
*Yeaton, Elizabeth M.	Deputy Tax Coll/Twn Clrk	26,399.94
Yeaton, Norman H.	Call FF/Spvr.of Chcklst	1,775.00
*Zartarian, Mark N.	Firefighter	54,701.57
Zartarian, Therese A.	Dty Tax Coll/Twn Clerk/ZBA	<u>6,119.76</u>
TOTAL:		\$1,661,538.14

* Denotes full time employees that receive full benefits.

**TOWN OF RYE'S BENEFIT PACKAGE
TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION ONLY**

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES & PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Benefit	Town Hall & Highway Employees	Fire & Police Employees	Other Contractual Non-Contractual Employees
ICMA and state retirement plan	TOWN Mandatory 3% Plus TOWN matches up to 2.8% volun- tary	5.65% Fire* 3.64% Police of gross earnings	TOWN Mandatory 3% Plus TOWN matches up to 2.8% volun- tary
Health** Insurance (BC/BS-NH) Plan J, Comp 500	Single Cov- \$2,145/yr 2-Pers Cov- \$3,432/yr Family Cov- \$4,634/yr	Single Cov- \$2,145/yr 2-Pers Cov- \$3,432/yr Family Cov- \$4,634/yr	Single Cov- \$2,145/yr 2-Pers Cov- \$3,432/yr Family Cov- \$4,634/yr
Dental*** Insurance	Single Cov- \$241/yr	Single Cov- \$241/yr	Single Cov- \$241/yr
Life**** Insurance & Disability	\$49/yr	\$49/yr	\$49/yr

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WORK 40 HOURS PER WEEK. BENEFITS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO WORK AT LEAST 30 HOURS PER WEEK.

*In addition to employer's required share, Fire & Police employees contribute 9.3% as required by NH state law. The employer's share is set by NH state law annually effective in July.

**All full time employees and permanent part-time employees (work at least 30 hrs/week) pay 20% of health insurance, and the Town pays 80% of the health insurance per the contracts with the exception of single coverage which the town pays 100%.

***The Town pays 100% single dental coverage (Delta Dental) only (3 plans).

****The Town pays the total cost of this plan. The value of the Life Insurance Plan is \$7,500 per employee.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

1996 was a productive year for me as the Rye Health Officer. As in previous years, I have continued to monitor restaurant inspections for their compliance to RSA-143A health regulations, as well as to inspect daycare facilities on a periodic basis. I am once again pleased to report that there have been no major problems in these areas this year.

Rabies has been an ever present concern for the last several years. According to recent data, the threat of rabies in this area is felt to be on the decline, not the case however, in the northern part of the state. There have been no cases of rabies reported in Rye in 1996. Immunizations for rabies has continued to be offered on an as needed basis to town employees thought to be in a high-risk category. Hepatitis B immunizations also continue to be given to town employees as in the past years, and thus far has been very effective.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, other town officials and personnel, and the citizens of Rye for their support and cooperation. I have enjoyed serving the people of Rye, and I look forward to a busy and productive year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Ann Snow, M.D.
Health Officer

**TOWN OF RYE
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**1997
WARRANT**

**1997
BUDGET**

**1996
AUDITOR'S REPORT**



TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bethany Congregational Christian Church in said Rye on **Tuesday**, the 11th day of March 1997, next at **eight o'clock** in the forenoon until **seven o'clock** in the evening to vote on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose one (1) **Selectman** for three (3) years, one (1) **Sewer Commissioner** for three (3) years, one (1) **Cemetery Trustee** for three (3) years, one (1) **Library Trustee** for three (3) years, one (1) **Trustee of the Trust Funds** for three (3) years, two (2) **Budget Committee Members** for three (3) years, two (2) **Planning Board Members** for three (3) years, one (1) **Town Clerk/Tax Collector** for three (3) years, one (1) **Treasurer** for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary officers for the Rye School District in accordance with the statutory procedure adopted by said District at its March 1962 annual meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish a charter commission for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to wit:

AMENDMENT NO. 1. LEGAL STATUS OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Delete Section 604 in its present form and replace it with a new Section 604, as follows:

Present Section 604 (to be deleted)

SECTION 604 USES UNDER SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROVISIONS: Any use for which a special exception is allowed as provided in this Ordinance shall not be deemed a non-conforming use, but shall without further action be deemed a conforming use in such district.

Proposed Section 604

SECTION 604 SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES. A lawful use which existed at the effective date of this ordinance (or at the effective date of an applicable amendment) and which is permitted by special exception by this ordinance (or applicable amendment) is a legal "grandfathered" special exception. No approval from the Board of Adjustment is required for the continuance of such use as it existed on the effective date of this ordinance (or applicable

amendment), but no such use shall be expanded without approval by the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Section 701.3.

No use which has been granted a special exception by the Board of Adjustment subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance shall be expanded from the use approved by the Board of Adjustment without Board of Adjustment approval of the expansion pursuant to Section 701.3.

AMENDMENT NO. 2. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Add the following provision to the end of the first paragraph of Section 303.4:

However, if the action is a repair where like materials are replacing like materials, only Notification of the Historic District Commission is required. When applicable, the Building Inspector's office will send a copy of the building permit to the Historic District Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 3. CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Amend Section 303.5 Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness (in the Historic District) to require that all of the six listed criteria in Paragraph E be met, as follows:

- E. In addition, it shall conform to the general style of the District by being similar to neighboring structures in [four] **all** of the following six criteria:
1. Openings within the facade as a percentage of the facade, i.e., doors and windows.
 2. Similarity of construction materials and surface texture, i.e., rough, smooth, wood, brick, etc.
 3. Similarity of roofs, i.e., slopes and shapes.
 4. Similarity of architectural details, i.e., cornices, lintels, arches, porches, balustrades, wrought iron work, chimneys, etc.
 5. Similarity of landscaping and ground covering, i.e., grass, brick, granite, etc.
 6. Similarity of colors to existing structures.

Note: New language is **emboldened**, deleted language is placed in []'s.

AMENDMENT NO. 4. SIGNS IN HISTORIC DISTRICT

1. Add a new Section 303.5, G, to the Historic District, as follows and re-index the remainder of Section 303.5:

G. Signs

1. The goals and objectives of the Rye Historic District Commission in reviewing and approving applications or considering requests for exceptions are:
 - a. To insure that the visual impact of all signs is consistent with the historical and architectural qualities of the Historic District.
 - b. To maintain the Rural Character of Rye.
 - c. To assure safe use of public ways by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.
 - d. To promote the general visual attractiveness of the Historic District.
2. Size - No sign in the underlying Commercial, Business and Public Recreation Districts may be larger than eight (8) square feet except temporary signs announcing events which may be no larger than sixteen (16) square feet and these may be displayed not more than fourteen (14) days before an event and must be removed within one (1) day following an event.
3. Number of signs/lot - Each lot in the Historic District shall have no more than one (1) sign and one (1) off premise business directional sign. A maximum of two (2) additional on-premise business directional signs are permitted per lot. In the case of multiple occupancies, the building owner is responsible for a single overall signage plan providing multiple listings within this specification.
4. Materials - Materials appropriate to the Historic District such as wood, brass, glass, or wrought iron will be permitted. Banners may be of cloth or soft vinyl. Signs may use two (2) or three (3) colors plus white and should blend in color scheme with the structure with which they are associated. Traditional styles of fonts shall be used for lettering.
5. Illumination - In addition to the criteria of Section 501.4, the source of a sign's illumination shall not be visible from any residence and shall not interfere with the vision of drivers on public streets.
6. Trademarks and Product Names - These are to be discouraged

on permanent signs in favor of names of proprietors, business owners, and business names. No Trademarks, Sales Marks, Product Names, or other commercial advertising may appear on temporary signs announcing events. This is not to preclude temporary product or food signs displayed by vendors at their place of business during business hours.

2. Add the following cross-reference to Section 501 Signs.

501.7 Historic District. See Section 303.5, G, for additional signage requirements applicable to the Historic District.

3. Amend the definition of "SIGN" as follows:

SIGN: Any permanent or temporary advertisement, direction or communication, other than an identification sign, produced in whole or in part by the construction, erection, affixing or placing of the structure, device, letter, banner, pennant, streamer or placard on or over any land or on any structure, or produced by affixing or placing any printed, lettered, pictured, figured or colored material on any building structure or surface **or suspended between any buildings or structures** or which is designed to be seen from outside a building, provided, however, that signs placed or erected by the Town or State for the purposes of showing street names or traffic directions or regulations or for other municipal or governmental purposes shall not be included herein.

Note: New language is **emboldened**.

AMENDMENT NO. 5. DRIVEWAYS IN WETLANDS

Amend Section 301.6, B, of the Wetlands Conservation District as follows:

- B. Roads/Driveways. The construction of roads **and driveways** requires a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which may be issued where it is shown that, due to existing conditions, no alternative route is feasible, in addition to meeting the existing requirements for special exceptions.

Note: New language is **emboldened**.

AMENDMENT NO. 6. "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Amend Article VII Board of Adjustment, as described herein.

1. Add the following as Section 701.4 and re-index the remainder of Section 701 accordingly.

701.4 Equitable Waivers. To hear and decide applications for equitable waivers of dimensional requirements in accordance with the requirements of RSA 674:33-a.

2. Add the following sentence to Section 701.1 regarding administrative appeals.

Pursuant to RSA 676:5, III, a decision or determination of the planning board during subdivision or site plan review which is based upon the terms of the zoning ordinance, or upon any construction, interpretation or application of the zoning ordinance may be appealed under this section.

3. Amend Section 701.5 Other Matters as follows: (Note: pursuant to No. 1, above, Sec. 701.5 will be re-indexed as Section 701.6).

701.6 The Board shall also hear and decide all matters referred to them or upon which they are required to pass under any other ordinance of the Town of Rye or under state statute.

Note: New language is **emboldened**.

4. Delete the present text of Section 702.2 and replace it with the following text:

702.2 Effect of Appeal to Board. The effect of an appeal to the board shall be to maintain the status quo. An appeal of the issuance of any permit or certificate shall be deemed to suspend such permit or certificate, and no construction, alteration, or change of use which is contingent upon it shall be commenced. An appeal of any order or other enforcement action shall stay all proceedings under the action appealed from unless the officer from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the board of adjustment, after notice or appeal shall have been filed with such officer, that, by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in the officer's opinion, cause imminent peril to life, health, safety, property, or the environment. In such case, the proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the board or by the superior court on notice of the officer from whom the appeal is taken and cause shown.

Note: Above is taken verbatim from RSA 676:6.

5. Amend Section 703 Rehearing and Appeal as follows:

Every decision of such Board shall, however, be subject to review upon Motion for Rehearing filed with the Board of Adjustment within twenty (20) days [thereafter], **after the decision of the Board has been filed and first becomes available for public inspection in the office of the board or**

or its clerk or secretary, and to appeal to the Superior Court in accordance with the terms of statute. Such motion or appeal may be taken by any person aggrieved or by an officer, department, board, or bureau of the Town.

Note: New language is **emboldened**. Language to be deleted is in []'s.

You are hereby further notified to adjourn to meet at the Rye Junior High School on the fifteenth day of March, next, at **nine o'clock** in the **forenoon**, to vote upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) for the purpose of expanding and renovating the Rye Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (N.H. RSA Chapter 33 as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereof, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes, as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Rye.

THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS BALLOT VOTE.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Capital Reserve Library Construction Fund established 03/12/88 in the amount of Fifty-three thousand, six hundred twenty-nine dollars and ninety-three cents (\$53,629.93) as of 12/31/96 plus accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal for the purpose of reducing the amount required for the library bond issue in Article 5.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-one thousand, six hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$61,664) for the purpose of purchasing a 1997 International Model 4900 4x2 truck with 5-7 yard dump body, DT-466 diesel engine, power reverse 11' front plow and 9' right hand wing plow and a stainless steel hopper type sander. Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and twenty-one thousand, six hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$21,664) to be raised by general taxation.

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the purpose of engineering, designing, and installing an overall drainage plan for the Town of Rye updating the current drainage system. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the overall drainage plan for the Town is completed or in five years (2002), whichever is less.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to begin to investigate, design, and construct an all purpose recreation field to be located in the Town recreation area. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the all purpose recreation field is completed or in five years (2002), whichever is less.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the calendar year 1997.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **LIBBY LANE** (located off Washington Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan for Ferwerda Subdivision in Rye, NH, dated April, 1995, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-24249. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **RANDS LANE** (located off Wallis Road) as shown on Subdivision Plan-Phase II for Wallis Sands Development, L.L.C., Rye, NH, dated February, 1996, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-24742. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road **VICTORY LANE** (located off Rock Orchard Lane) as shown on Subdivision Plan for Glenn and Prudence Trefethen, dated April, 1994, and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-23974. This acceptance is conditioned upon the Town receiving the final approval of the Town's Public Works Director, the Board of Selectmen, and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote in favor of plowing private roads in Rye and charging a fee for this service beginning this year (1997). The private roads are as follows:

Adams Trailer Park	Locke's Neck	Walker Lane
Alan Court	Port Way [Bean Alley]	Wildwood Lane
Bass Drive	Spruce Drive	Williams Street
Foss Circle	Sunset Drive	

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Rye, NH, will vote to authorize the establishment of a recreation revolving fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town of Rye's general surplus. The treasurer of the Town of Rye will have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commission. Such funds shall be expended only for purposes authorized by RSA 35-B and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of, or create a liability upon, other Town of Rye funds which have not been appropriated to that purpose.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rye, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, effective January 1, 1998, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$25,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,400, or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,400; and own assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

MAJORITY BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Ordinance enacted by the Selectmen at their June 17, 1996, meeting enforcing the Litter Control Law against those who cast circulars, newspapers and other printed matter on public or private property without permission:

WHEREAS, RSA 163-B:3 establishes that it is unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, throw or leave or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property without the consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession of the property; and

WHEREAS, RSA 163-B:2 defines litter as meaning all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rye has determined that circulars, handbills, dodgers, newspapers, paper, booklets,

posters, other printed matter or advertising literature of any kind when thrown, cast, dropped or deposited in any manner in any public place or on any yard, grounds, porch, vestibule, doorstep, or public hallway of private property without the consent of the property owner, constitute discarded material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

A. The Town of Rye Police Department is hereby directed to enforce the Litter Control Law (RSA Chapter 163-B) against any person who throws, casts, drops, places or otherwise deposits or who causes the throwing, casting, dropping, placement or deposit of circulars, handbills, dodgers, newspapers, paper, booklets, posters, other printed matter or advertising literature: (1) on streets and other ways, town parks, public beaches and other town property without the consent of the Board of Selectmen; or (2) on any privately owned yard, grounds, porch, vestibule, doorstep or common hallway without the consent of the property owner or tenant in lawful possession.

B. For all applications of this ordinance, it shall be presumed that the deposit of such material is without the consent of the property owners or tenant in lawful possession, and the burden shall be on the person(s) depositing such material or causing the deposit of such material to produce evidence of consent.

C. The following shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

1. Circulars, newspapers, bulletins or other printed matter to which an occupant of private property subscribes.
2. Printed matter of any type which is affixed to a door or doorway in a lawful manner.
3. Printed matter placed in a receptacle or container in accordance with RSA-B:3, II.

D. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision herein is determined to be unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

E. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage.

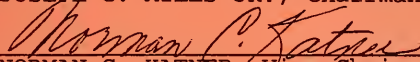
ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. **This authorization is valid until rescinded.**

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 1997.

ARTICLE 20. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety seven.


JOSEPH G. MILLS JR., Chairman


NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman


EDWARD H. HERLIHY, Selectman


A true copy of the Warrant,
ATTEST:

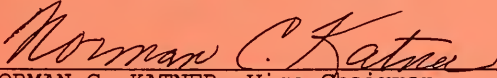

JOSEPH G. MILLS, JR., Chairman


NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman


EDWARD H. HERLIHY, Selectman

We hereby certify that we give notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the times and places and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within **WARRANT** at the places of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the **RYE BEACH POST OFFICE** and the **RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, being public places in said Town, on the 18th day of February, 1997.


JOSEPH G. MILLS, JR., Chairman


NORMAN C. KATNER, Vice Chairman


EDWARD H. HERLIHY, Selectman



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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ RYE _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or

for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee (Please sign in ink.)

Date February 13, 1997

Donna H. Oliver
John C. Guire
Christine A. Zartarian
Jack H. Tooley
J. Hanning
Andrew Chao

Frank A. Drake
Debra E. Croft
Harry A. Chapman
John C. Guire
Edward H. Hanning

(Revised 1996)

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139 Executive			141,739	132,071	141,954	XXXXXXXXXX	141,954	XXXXXXXXXX
4140-4149 Election,Registration & Vital Statistics			13,985	14,360	10,935	XXXXXXXXXX	10,935	
4150-4151 Financial Administration			198,749	200,929	210,739	1,000	211,739	
4152 Revaluation of Property								
4153 Legal Expense			60,000	68,029	60,000		60,000	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration								
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning			22,460	21,571	23,271		23,271	
4194 General Government Buildings			43,258	34,835	67,602		67,602	
4195 Cemeteries			65,000	55,151	65,000		65,000	
4196 Insurance			142,714	151,534	161,922		161,922	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.			30,902	18,178	35,103		15,000	(20,103)
4199 other General Government			119,613	119,613	113,348		113,348	
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214 Police			526,381	497,548	527,799	XXXXXXXXXX	527,799	XXXXXXXXXX
4215-4219 Ambulance			63,075	51,309	64,614		64,614	
4220-4229 Fire			407,851	359,375	431,250		431,250	
4240-4249 Building Inspection			65,800	63,448	70,072		70,072	
4290-4298 Emergency Management			6,500	17,850	5,850		5,850	
4299 other Public Safety (including Communications)								
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS								
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets			658,224	628,546	669,281	XXXXXXXXXX	669,281	XXXXXXXXXX
4313 Bridges								
4316-4319 Street Lighting & other			5,200	5,051	6,000		6,000	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection							
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		188,561	156,735	198,279		198,279	
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH							
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control		40,480	38,651	40,480	8,000	48,480	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & other Animal Control		5,300	2,308	5,100		5,100	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		43,926	27,728	41,233		41,233	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		86,910	79,375	91,512		87,296	(4,216)
4550-4559	Library		257,013	255,974	276,450		276,450	

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4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,800	2,451	3,350		3,350	
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		24,115	31,756	144,655		144,655	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING							
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		15,000	14,440	118,850		118,850	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes							
4723	Interest on TANS		75,000	62,594	75,000		75,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land & Improvements							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		60,062	54,472	35,780		35,780	
4903	Buildings		23,700	20,532	49,500		49,500	
4909	Improv.Other Than Buildings	'96 WA	124,000	123,076				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		24,000	24,071				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund Police		17,800	35,489	31,000		31,000	
	Sever-		568,293	493,905	554,095		554,095	
	Water-							
	Electric-							

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 37:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund			45,500	45,500	103,500		70,500	(33,000)
4916 To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)								
4917 To Health Maintenance Trust Fund								
4918 To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919 To Agency Funds Parsonage			14,352	12,891	16,444		16,444	
SUBTOTAL 1			4,188,263	3,921,346	4,449,968	9,000	4,401,649	(57,319)
(Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.)								
Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXX
Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,Vl, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.								
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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
Library Construction		5			700,000		700,000	
Library Construction		6			53,630		53,630	
Recreation Field		9			10,000		10,000	
Highway Truck		7			-0-	61,664	61,664	
Drainage Plan		8			42,000		42,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	805,630	XXXXXXXXXX	867,294	XXXXXXXXXXXX

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensnig Fiscal Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5,000	27,098	5,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		2,000	981	500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		50,000	73,979	60,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		5,500	8,249	6,500
	Inventory Penalties				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2,000	2,087	2,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		500,000	691,453	550,000
3230	Building Permits		25,000	44,164	40,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		25,000	25,358	20,000
3311-3319	SALT MARSH RES FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FEMA		6,000	18,200	125,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		100,000	154,441	115,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		47,955	78,403	47,955
3354	Water Pollution Grant		10,000	124,157	120,272
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		4,500	-0-	5,661
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	SALT MARSH RES Other (Including Railroad Tax)		72,000	94,935	10,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		57,200	124,792	100,000
3409	Other Charges		1,000	75	50
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		10,000	8,652	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		50,000	68,637	50,000
3503-3509	Other (Library \$14,500)		97,286	120,441	114,500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds Police/Pars/Sewer		690,445	644,462	495,465

3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913	Capital Projects Fund Parsons (debt bal)		24,000	24,000	10,572
3914	Enterprise Fund Con Fund/Salt Marsh		-	-	10,000
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund H/W Equip Library Const.		-	-	93,630
3916	Trust & Agency Funds Cemetery		65,000	65,000	65,000
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX		
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES		1,759,886	2,399,564	2,052,105

BUDGET SUMMARY

SELECTMEN

BUDGET COMMITTEE

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	4,449,968	4,401,649
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)		
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	805,630	867,294
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	5,255,598	5,268,943
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	2,052,105	2,052,105
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	3,203,493	3,216,838

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount		Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated January 25, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Town of Rye is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye for the year ended December 31, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general-purpose financial statements.

GAS INVENTORY

During our examination of the Town's gas inventory records, it was noted that approximately 1,816 gallons of unleaded gas and diesel fuel were not accounted for. At year end, the Town Bookkeeper made an adjustment to charge proportionately all departments for this fuel in order to reconcile the Town's records. Presently the fuel inventory is tracked manually, and on a monthly basis, the consumption records are supplied to the Bookkeeper in order to expense each department's usage. Then, at year end, after the tanks have been measured for the remaining fuel, the Bookkeeper makes the necessary adjustment to bring the inventory to actual. It also appears that when fuel is used, it is not always being properly recorded in that diesel gets recorded as unleaded gas and vice versa.

We recommend that the Town consider a more reliable system for tracking the gas inventory such as a "Fuel Control System" which can either be operated by a key or card. This system would automatically charge departments for their consumption, and access to the fuel would be limited to those with either the key or card. Then on a weekly or monthly basis, reports can be produced that show a department/users' consumption which provides the necessary entries to charge the department for usage. This type of system will eliminate human error and would show any questionable usage of fuel.

AMBULANCE BILLINGS

Upon review of the billing and collection system covering ambulance receipts, it was again noted that one individual is responsible for both functions. The following was also noted:

1. There was no approval made by a responsible official (Fire Chief) on ambulance billings or write-offs.
2. A Rye resident billing after being delinquent 120 plus days is written off as uncollectible. Currently, a collection agency is used only for non-Rye residents for delinquent 120 plus day accounts.
3. The Town Bookkeeper is not receiving billing information, thus is unable to record billings on the system until year end.
4. It was noted in the prior year that new ambulance billing software was being considered in 1996. It appears that very little, if any, progress has been made in this regard.

Town of Rye

Independent Auditor's Report on the Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General-Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

In order to improve internal accounting control, we suggest the following:

1. The Fire Chief or responsible official should approve formally all billings and write-offs, with a copy of write-offs periodically made available to the Board of Selectmen.
2. The collection agency should be used for all delinquent 120 plus day accounts, not just those that are non-Rye residents.
3. Copies of all invoices should be submitted to the Town Bookkeeper. In turn, the invoices on file should be periodically reviewed and compared to the ambulance report filed by the EMT. The Fire Department should prepare a monthly report of activity, showing the amount received and billed which could be used as a basis for entry in the general books of account and also in determining the accuracy of the billings.
4. A new ambulance billing software system should be considered.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

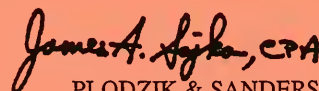
FOLLOW-UP OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS

Library Recordkeeping

There was considerable improvement in the overall recordkeeping for the Library. A minimum number of adjusting journal entries were required to close the fund at year end.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

January 25, 1997


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Rye has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Rye, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedule listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Rye. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Town of Rye
Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated January 25, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Rye's internal control structure and a report dated January 25, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

January 25, 1997


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*EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1996*

<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 450,136	\$ 499,400	\$ 44,226
Investments	2,874,028	93,277	
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowances For Uncollectibles)</u>			
Taxes	589,395		
Accounts Due from Others	17,378	26,438	
Intergovernmental	7,562		
Interfund Receivable	6,088	71,538	131,917
Gas Inventory	2,710		
Prepaid Items	3,546		
Tax Deeded Property Subject to Resale	403		
<u>Other Debits</u>			
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt			
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 4,221,246</u>	<u>\$ 690,653</u>	<u>\$ 176,143</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 49,068	\$ 7,126	\$
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	41,257		
Intergovernmental Payable	3,031,840	8,753	
Interfund Payable	87,471	128,408	
Escrow and Performance Deposits			
Deferred Revenue		92,865	
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable			
General Obligation Debt Payable			
Accrued Landfill Closure and Postclosure Costs			
Capital Leases Payable			
Compensated Absences Payable			
Total Liabilities	<u>3,209,636</u>	<u>237,152</u>	
<u>Equity</u>			
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Reserved For Endowments			
Reserved For Encumbrances	18,450		
Reserved For Inventory	2,710		
Reserved For Special Purposes			176,143
Reserved For Contingency	200,000		
<u>Unreserved</u>			
Designated For Special Purposes		453,501	
Undesignated	790,450		
Total Equity	<u>1,011,610</u>	<u>453,501</u>	<u>176,143</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 4,221,246</u>	<u>\$ 690,653</u>	<u>\$ 176,143</u>

<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u> <u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General Long- Term Debt</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
\$ 155,458	\$	\$ 1,149,220
1,316,740		4,284,045
		859,395
		43,816
299,255		299,255
		7,562
6,336		215,879
		2,710
		3,546
		403
	<u>4,741,212</u>	<u>4,741,212</u>
<u>\$ 1,777,789</u>	<u>\$ 4,741,212</u>	<u>\$ 11,607,043</u>
\$ 11,995	\$	\$ 68,189
182,548		41,257
69,245		3,223,141
299,255		215,879
		69,245
		92,865
		299,255
	4,020,000	4,020,000
	340,000	340,000
	113,726	113,726
	<u>267,486</u>	<u>267,486</u>
<u>563,043</u>	<u>4,741,212</u>	<u>8,751,043</u>
746,037		746,037
		18,450
		2,710
468,709		644,852
		200,000
		453,501
		<u>790,450</u>
<u>1,214,746</u>		<u>2,856,000</u>
<u>\$ 1,777,789</u>	<u>\$ 4,741,212</u>	<u>\$ 11,607,043</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 8,713,594	\$ 8,738,545	\$ 24,951
Land Use Change	27,098	27,098	
Yield	981	981	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		2,508	2,508
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	<u>70,246</u>	<u>81,472</u>	<u>11,226</u>
Total Taxes	<u>8,811,919</u>	<u>8,850,604</u>	<u>38,685</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,639	2,087	448
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	695,000	691,453	(3,547)
Building Permits	37,322	44,164	6,842
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	<u>21,098</u>	<u>25,186</u>	<u>4,088</u>
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>755,059</u>	<u>762,890</u>	<u>7,831</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State</u>			
Shared Revenue	154,441	154,441	
Highway Block Grant	78,403	78,403	
State and Federal Forest			
Land Reimbursement	4,500		(4,500)
Railroad Tax Reimbursement		98	98
<u>Other Reimbursements</u>			
Other	7,456	1,634	(5,822)
Landfill Closure Grant	72,000	78,337	6,337
Saltmarsh Restoration Grant	10,000	22,000	12,000
<u>Other Governments</u>			
FEMA - Grant	<u>3,822</u>	<u>18,200</u>	<u>14,378</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>330,622</u>	<u>353,113</u>	<u>22,491</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>			
Income From Departments	85,955	130,615	44,660
Other	<u>75</u>	<u></u>	<u>(75)</u>
Total Charges For Services	<u>86,030</u>	<u>130,615</u>	<u>44,585</u>

SCHEDULE A-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Municipal Property	2,150	8,652	6,502
Interest on Investments	44,106	77,318	33,212
Rent of Property		1,800	1,800
Fines and Forfeits		3,392	3,392
Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements	114,096	106,752	(7,344)
Other		<u>3,002</u>	<u>3,002</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>160,352</u>	<u>200,916</u>	<u>40,564</u>
 <u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Operating Transfers In</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Capital Projects Funds	24,000		(24,000)
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>710</u>		<u>(710)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>24,710</u>		<u>(24,710)</u>
 <u>Total Revenues and</u>			
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>\$ 10,168,692</u>	<u>\$ 10,298,138</u>	<u>\$ 129,446</u>

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*SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996*

	Encumbered From 1995	Appropriations 1996	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 1997	(Over) Under Budget
<u>Current</u>					
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive	\$	\$ 141,739	\$ 130,856	\$ 1,200	\$ 9,683
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		13,985	14,360		(375)
Financial Administration		198,749	200,932		(2,183)
Legal Expenses		60,000	68,029		(8,029)
Planning and Zoning	1,000	22,460	22,571		889
General Government Buildings		43,258	34,835		8,423
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		142,714	151,534		(8,820)
Advertising and Regional Associations		30,902	18,178		12,724
Other	<u>5,930</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>8,116</u>		<u>314</u>
Total General Government	<u>6,930</u>	<u>656,307</u>	<u>649,411</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>12,626</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police Department		526,381	498,518		27,863
Ambulance		63,075	51,335		11,740
Fire Department		407,851	350,782	8,975	48,094
Building Inspection		65,800	63,448		2,352
Emergency Management		<u>6,500</u>	<u>17,850</u>		<u>(11,350)</u>
Total Public Safety		<u>1,069,607</u>	<u>981,933</u>	<u>8,975</u>	<u>78,699</u>
<u>Highways and Streets</u>					
Administration		45,290	45,644		(354)
Highways and Streets		612,934	581,422	2,075	29,437
Street Lighting		2,200	2,791		(591)
Other		<u>18,000</u>	<u>16,700</u>		<u>1,300</u>
Total Highways and Streets		<u>678,424</u>	<u>646,557</u>	<u>2,075</u>	<u>29,792</u>
<u>Sanitation</u>					
Solid Waste Collection		116,561	109,367		7,194
Solid Waste Disposal		72,000	47,691		24,309
Grove Road Landfill		19,652	19,652		
Sewer Engineering		5,000		5,000	
Other Sanitation			<u>63</u>		<u>(63)</u>
Total Sanitation		<u>213,213</u>	<u>176,773</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>31,440</u>
<u>Health</u>					
Administration		3,480	3,283		197
Animal Control		42,300	37,676		4,624
Other Health Agencies		<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>		
Total Health		<u>46,780</u>	<u>41,959</u>		<u>4,821</u>
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		<u>43,926</u>	<u>27,728</u>		<u>16,198</u>

SCHEDULE A-2 (Continued)
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Encumbered From 1995</u>	<u>Appropriations 1996</u>	<u>Expenditures Net of Refunds</u>	<u>Encumbered To 1997</u>	<u>(Over) Under Budget</u>
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation		87,582	78,847	1,200	7,535
Patriotic Purposes		2,600	2,312		288
Other Culture and Recreation		200	153		47
Total Culture and Recreation		<u>90,382</u>	<u>81,312</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>7,870</u>
<u>Conservation</u>					
Administration		3,115	2,351		764
Salt Marsh Restoration		<u>20,000</u>	<u>28,411</u>		<u>(8,411)</u>
Total Conservation		<u>23,115</u>	<u>30,762</u>		<u>(7,647)</u>
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes		<u>75,000</u>	<u>62,594</u>		<u>12,406</u>
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Highway Equipment		29,675	28,692		983
Town Hall		23,700	20,532		3,168
Police Department		33,600	29,726		3,874
Recreation		5,000	4,766		234
Recreation Beaches		6,687	6,578		109
Fire Department		<u>10,800</u>	<u>9,486</u>		<u>1,314</u>
Total Capital Outlay		<u>109,462</u>	<u>99,780</u>		<u>9,682</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
School District Assessments		5,196,668	5,196,668		
County Tax Assessments		935,287	935,287		
Precinct Assessment		<u>513,919</u>	<u>513,919</u>		
Total Intergovernmental		<u>6,645,874</u>	<u>6,645,874</u>		
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>					
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>					
Special Revenue Funds		375,126	374,244		882
Capital Projects Funds		24,000	24,000		
Capital Reserve Funds		102,176	108,512		(6,336)
Trust and Agency Funds		<u>15,300</u>	<u>15,300</u>		
Total Operating Transfers Out		<u>516,602</u>	<u>522,056</u>		<u>(5,454)</u>
<u>Total Appropriations,</u>					
<u>Expenditures and Encumbrances</u>	<u>\$ 6,930</u>	<u>\$ 10,168,692</u>	<u>\$ 9,966,739</u>	<u>\$ 18,450</u>	<u>\$ 190,433</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

*SCHEDULE A-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996*

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u>		
<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>		\$ 351,830
<u>Deduction</u>		
Increase In Reserve For Inventories	<u>(1,259)</u>	\$ 350,571
<u>Additions</u>		
<u>1996 Budget Summary</u>		
Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)	\$ 129,446	
Unexpended Balance		
of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)	<u>190,433</u>	
1996 Budget Surplus		\$ 319,879
Decrease In Reserve For Contingencies	<u>120,000</u>	
Total Additions		<u>439,879</u>
<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u>		
<u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>		<u>\$ 790,450</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Type Expendable Trust</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>		
<u>Revenues</u>					
Taxes	\$ 8,850,604	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8,850,604
Licenses and Permits	762,890				762,890
Intergovernmental	353,113	135,132			488,245
Charges for Services	130,615	261,799			392,414
Miscellaneous	200,916	280,502	1,360	19,890	502,668
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>					
Operating Transfers In		414,229	24,000	132,811	571,040
Proceeds of General Obligation Debt			<u>500,000</u>		<u>500,000</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>10,298,138</u>	<u>1,091,662</u>	<u>525,360</u>	<u>152,701</u>	<u>12,067,861</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	649,411	12,891		47,540	709,842
Public Safety	981,933	35,489			1,017,422
Highways and Streets	646,557				646,557
Sanitation	176,773	76,642		11,995	265,410
Health	41,959				41,959
Welfare	27,728				27,728
Culture and Recreation	81,312	285,061			366,373
Conservation	30,762	83,689			114,451
Debt Service	62,594	456,940			519,534
Capital Outlay	99,780		24,072	8,856	132,708
Intergovernmental	6,645,874				6,645,874
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
Operating Transfers Out	<u>522,056</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>		<u>571,056</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>9,966,739</u>	<u>959,712</u>	<u>64,072</u>	<u>68,391</u>	<u>11,058,914</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>331,399</u>	<u>131,950</u>	<u>461,288</u>	<u>84,310</u>	<u>1,008,947</u>
<u>Fund Balances (Deficit) - January 1</u>	<u>680,211</u>	<u>321,551</u>	<u>(285,145)</u>	<u>370,676</u>	<u>1,087,293</u>
<u>Fund Balances - December 31</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,610</u>	<u>\$ 453,501</u>	<u>\$ 176,143</u>	<u>\$ 454,986</u>	<u>\$ 2,096,240</u>

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SCHEDULE B-3
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Conservation Commission
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>General Account</u>	<u>Forest Account</u>	<u>Land Acquisition Account</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Revenues</u>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 10,975	\$	\$	\$ 10,975
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Interest	880	9	7,944	8,833
Land Use Change Tax			21,948	21,948
 <u>Other Financing Sources</u>				
Transfers from General Fund	_____	_____	1,000	1,000
 <u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>11,855</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>30,892</u>	<u>42,756</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>				
<u>Current</u>				
<u>Conservation Commission</u>				
Administration	15		40	55
Land Acquisition			80,031	80,031
Legal	165		2,382	2,547
Engineering	1,056	_____	_____	1,056
 <u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>1,236</u>	_____	<u>82,453</u>	<u>83,689</u>
 <u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>				
<u>Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	10,619	9	(51,561)	(40,933)
 <u>Fund Balances - January 1</u>	<u>24,960</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>177,001</u>	<u>202,353</u>
 <u>Fund Balances -December 31</u>	<u>\$ 35,579</u>	<u>\$ 401</u>	<u>\$ 125,440</u>	<u>\$ 161,420</u>

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SCHEDULE B-4
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Public Library
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

Revenues

Miscellaneous

Interest Income	\$ 1,295
Book Sales and Fines	4,554
Building Donations	123,172
Donations - Other	6,630
Trust Fund Interest Income	10,798
Copies	1,251

Other Financing Sources

Operating Transfers In

General Fund	<u>256,116</u>
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Total Revenues and

Other Financing Sources

\$ 403,816

Expenditures

Current

Culture and Recreation

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 181,116
Administrative Costs	3,855
Supplies	5,370
Books, Periodicals and Programs	49,710
Utilities	10,408
Operations and Maintenance of Facilities	9,296
Capital Acquisitions and Improvements	9,789
Building Program	15,081
Other	<u>436</u>

Total Expenditures

285,061

Excess of Revenues and

Other Financing Sources

Over Expenditures

\$ 118,755

Fund Balance - January 1

29,611

Fund Balance - December 31

\$ 148,366

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SCHEDULE B-5
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Special Revenue Fund - Sewer Department
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

Revenues

Intergovernmental

State Aid Water Pollution \$ 124,157

Charges For Services

Sewer Rents 257,992

Other Service Fees 3,807

Miscellaneous

Interest Income 2,127

Other 5,141

Other Financing Sources

Operating Transfers In

General Fund 117,113

Capital Project - Sewer System 40,000

Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources

\$ 550,337

Expenditures

Current

Sanitation

Wages and Employee Benefits \$ 18,926

Utilities 9,052

Maintenance and Repairs 13,017

General and Administrative 7,594

Town of Hampton

Transport 1,071

Treatment 26,982

Debt Service

Principal 220,000

Interest 236,940

Other Financing Uses

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Fund 9,000

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

542,582

Excess of Revenues and

Other Financing Sources Over

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

\$ 7,755

Fund Balance - January 1

66,096

Fund Balance - December 31

\$ 73,851

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Welfare Department is mandated by RSA 165:1 to give Welfare to any person in the town who is poor and unable to support himself/ herself. As Welfare Director, I am responsible to the Board of Selectmen (overseers of the poor). I assist them in administering the funds.

We expected more cuts in the State and Federal budgets last year and that was the cause of the increase in the Welfare budget of 1996. This didn't materialize, but as of January 1st the cuts are starting to happen. These cuts are in Medicaid coverage, AFDC, food stamps and fuel assistance.

The revenue received by payback from our clients was \$5,457.50. Three liens were lifted from clients' properties because of this repayment to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Wood
Welfare Director

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
1996 ANNUAL REPORT

During 1996 the majority of existing Trust Funds enjoyed overall growth in the market, as they have for many years. Upon a vote of the Trustees, however, some stocks demonstrating slow growth were sold and replaced with Government bonds and new stock, which show a higher growth potential.

On June 5th, the Trustees held the election of officers, as follows: Chairman, Andy Mahoney; Vice Chairman, Priscilla Patrick; and Secretary, Brenda Semprini.

At the 1996 Town Meeting, it was voted to establish three (3) new funds, as follows: Capital Reserve for ambulance \$15,000; Capital Reserve for Recreation Building \$5,000; and Foss Graveyard Trust Fund \$300.00. The Rye Water District voted to establish an expendable Capital Reserve in the amount of \$3000. The financial statements of all funds are included with this report for your review.

The Library Common Trust Funds received \$150.00 for the Howard and Louise Roper fund and showed a gain from sale of stock of \$2,034.32. The funds earned income totalling \$10,797.53, all of which was paid over to the Library Trustees.

The Cemetery Funds received \$3,325.00 from sale of cemetery lots, and earned \$10,453.21 from sale of stock. Overall income was \$40,334.34, including a gift of \$100.00 from John Q. Gooding again this year. Total expenditures were \$41,335.05.

The Dalton Fund, which was established for the care of the cemetery, showed a gain of \$2,771.21 from sale of stock, and investment income of \$16,576.62. The Manuel Fund, also for the care of the cemetery, earned income of \$2,268.65, which brings that fund's total to \$37,132.49.

The Trustees meet each quarter throughout the year. Mr. Christopher H. Brown, First Vice President of Fahnestock and Co., Inc., continues to keep us updated on the current status of the market as well as total returns on all investments. Jane Ireland continues to do an excellent job of record keeping on a day to day basis, as well as lengthy year-end reports. In addition, all funds are audited by the assigned town auditor and by the State Department of Revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Mahoney
Brenda J. Semprini
Priscilla J. Patrick
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

TRUST FUNDS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT - 1996

FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENSES	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1996 INCOME	1996 EXPENDED	BALANCE INCOME
LIBRARY	\$ 114,948.12	150.00* 2,034.32 (gain)	117,132.44	-0-	10,797.53	10,797.53	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS	472,826.83	106,406.49	579,233.32	29,689.96	21,712.77	13,105.53	38,297.20
CEMETERY	343,172.86	3,325.00 10,453.21 (gain)	356,951.07	3,011.92	40,334.34	41,335.05	2,011.21
DALTON FUND	226,226.68	2,771.21 (gain)	228,997.89	5,926.97	16,576.62	19,000.00	3,503.59
MANUEL FUND	30,383.67		30,383.67	4,480.17	2,268.65		6,748.82
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS				29,994.02	6,084.16	8,856.15	27,222.03
JENNIE P. BROWNELL	12,472.00		12,472.00	-0-	1,733.36	1,733.36	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 1,200,030.16	125,140.23	1,325,170.39	73,103.04	99,507.43	94,827.62	77,782.85

* Addition to Howard and Louise Roper Fund

COMMON TRUST FUND REPORT FOR LIBRARY COMMON TRUST

TRUSTS DATE CREATED TRUST NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDED	BEG. PRIN.	ADD. PRIN.	GAIN	END. PRIN.	BEG. INC.	INC	END.	END. INC.
0001 08-21-1909 JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$441.55		\$0.00	\$7.81	\$449.36	\$0.00	\$41.45	\$41.45
0002 02-03-1912 WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,073.21		\$0.00	\$18.98	\$1,092.19	\$0.00	\$100.75	\$100.75
0003 07-07-1917 RHO, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$391.70		\$0.00	\$6.92	\$398.62	\$0.00	\$36.77	\$36.77
0004 11-11-1918 LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,073.21		\$0.00	\$18.98	\$1,092.19	\$0.00	\$100.75	\$100.75
0005 08-21-1921 DRAKE, JAMES MCLEVEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$9,092.24		\$0.00	\$171.44	\$9,263.68	\$0.00	\$909.95	\$909.95
0006 02-27-1922 MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$195.76		\$0.00	\$3.46	\$199.22	\$0.00	\$18.37	\$18.37
0007 07-04-1923 PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$960.56		\$0.00	\$16.99	\$977.55	\$0.00	\$90.18	\$90.18
0008 11-27-1923 GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$960.56		\$0.00	\$16.99	\$977.55	\$0.00	\$90.18	\$90.18
0009 01-31-1933 GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$960.56		\$0.00	\$16.99	\$977.55	\$0.00	\$90.18	\$90.18
0010 01-22-1941 VARNELL, FOREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,901.08		\$0.00	\$33.62	\$1,934.70	\$0.00	\$178.48	\$178.48
0011 12-17-1941 PHILBRICK, LIZZIE S.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$453.24		\$0.00	\$8.01	\$461.25	\$0.00	\$42.55	\$42.55
0012 01-02-1949 HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$5,723.94		\$0.00	\$101.24	\$5,825.18	\$0.00	\$537.39	\$537.39
0013 10-07-1949 MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$4,524.62		\$0.00	\$115.41	\$4,640.03	\$0.00	\$412.56	\$412.56
0014 12-28-1949 CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$959.07		\$0.00	\$16.96	\$976.03	\$0.00	\$90.04	\$90.04
0015 04-30-1958 WALKER, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,900.98		\$0.00	\$33.62	\$1,934.60	\$0.00	\$178.47	\$178.47
0016 09-20-1960 MOORE, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,900.98		\$0.00	\$33.62	\$1,934.60	\$0.00	\$178.47	\$178.47
0017 05-23-1961 PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHIE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,431.76		\$0.00	\$25.32	\$1,457.08	\$0.00	\$134.42	\$134.42
0018 05-23-1961 PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHIE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,431.76		\$0.00	\$25.32	\$1,457.08	\$0.00	\$134.42	\$134.42
0019 05-11-1971 PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$14,683.62		\$0.00	\$259.73	\$14,943.35	\$0.00	\$1,378.57	\$1,378.57
0020 05-05-1972 DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$25,532.52		\$0.00	\$451.73	\$25,984.25	\$0.00	\$2,397.24	\$2,397.24
0021 02-07-1980 STILVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,267.49		\$0.00	\$22.42	\$1,289.91	\$0.00	\$118.99	\$118.99
0022 12-01-1980 PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$25,370.04		\$0.00	\$448.75	\$25,818.79	\$0.00	\$2,381.87	\$2,381.87
0023 01-10-1990 ROPER, MONARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$1,306.12		\$150.00	\$24.15	\$1,480.27	\$0.00	\$128.21	\$128.21
0024 12-31-1992 CORINNE P. McDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-1996	\$2,268.96		\$0.00	\$39.78	\$2,268.74	\$0.00	\$211.14	\$211.14
***				\$114,946.12		\$150.00	\$2,034.32	\$117,132.44	\$0.00	\$10,797.53	\$10,797.53

TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1996 INCOME	1996 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest	\$ 100.00		100.00	1,418.13	41.67		1,459.80
3/17/1990	Employee Leave	57,747.39	(24,158.79)	33,588.60	6,751.82	1,629.54	8,381.36	-0-
3/30/1996	Rye Water District	-0-	3,000.00	3,000.00				
3/16/1996	Foss Graveyard Trust		300.00	300.00				
3/16/1996	Capital Reserve Ambulance		15,000.00	15,000.00				
3/25/1995	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00	-0-	2,681.30	-0-	2,681.30
3/25/1995	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	3,085.00	(3,085.00)	-0-	-0-	20.68	20.68	-0-
12/19/1965	Capital Reserve Fire Truck	25,000.00		25,000.00	15,802.82	2,067.15		17,869.97
3/12/1994	Capital Reserve Grove Road Landfill	25,015.34	52,347.73	77,363.07	-0-	967.96		967.96
3/12/1988	Capital Reserve Library Construction	49,923.19		49,923.19	1,623.98	2,082.76		3,706.74
3/17/1990	Capital Reserve Record Restoration	7,000.00	500.00	7,500.00	115.54	351.16		466.70
3/17/1990	Capital Reserve Revaluation	78,674.31	10,000.00	88,674.31	2,612.55	3,309.55		5,922.10
3/16/1996	Capital Reserve Recreation Building		4,327.76	4,327.76				
3/27/1993	Capital Reserve Rye Water District	96,658.73	(31,825.21)	64,833.52	-0-	4,703.49	4,703.49	-0-

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TRUST FUNDS - MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS
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DATE	NAME OF FUND	PRINCIPAL	ADDITIONS OR EXPENDED	PRINCIPAL	INCOME BALANCE	1996 EXPENDED	INCOME BALANCE
3/14/1992	Capital Reserve Safety Building	36,808.72		36,808.72	45.79	1,870.61	1,916.40
3/14/1992	Capital Reserve Sewer	12,500.00	9,000.00	21,500.00	645.64	656.84	1,302.48
11/1/1966	Capital Reserve Rye Beach Precinct	5,314.15	1,000.00	6,314.15	-0-	263.78	263.78
4/13/1993	Capital Reserve Rye Beach Precinct	5,000.00		5,000.00	258.38	196.93	455.31
3/12/1994	Capital Reserve Highway Equipment	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	415.31	869.35	1,284.66
TOTALS	\$	472,826.83	106,406.49	579,233.32	29,689.96	21,712.77	13,105.53
							38,297.20

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
DETAILED STATEMENT
1996**

LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL 1/1/96	\$	114,948.12
Gain on Sale of Stock		2,034.32
New Principal - Roper Fund		150.00
PRINCIPAL 12/31/96	\$	<u>117,132.44</u>
INCOME BALANCE 1/1/96	\$	-0-
1996 Income		10,797.53
Paid to Library Trustees		(10,797.53)
INCOME BALANCE 12/31/96	\$	<u>-0-</u>

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

PRINCIPAL 1/1/96	\$	472,826.83
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Additions:

Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	\$ 3,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Ambulance	15,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	50,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Grove Road Landfill	52,347.73	
Capital Reserve - Record Restoration	500.00	
Capital Reserve - Revaluation	10,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Recreation Building	4,327.76	
Capital Reserve - Sewer	9,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Rye Beach Precinct	1,000.00	
Capital Reserve - Highway Equipment	20,000.00	
Foss Graveyard Trust	<u>300.00</u>	165,475.49

Expended:

Capital Reserve - Employee Leave	24,158.79	
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	3,085.00	
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	<u>31,825.21</u>	<u>59,069.00</u>

PRINCIPAL 12/31/96	\$	<u>579,233.32</u>
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INCOME BALANCE 1/1/96	\$	29,689.96
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1996 Income	\$	21,712.77
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1996 Expended:

Capital Reserve - Employee Leave	8,381.36	
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	20.68	
Capital Reserve - Rye Water District	<u>4,703.49</u>	(13,105.53)

INCOME BALANCE 12/31/96	\$	<u>38,297.20</u>
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1996 SALE OF LOTS
CENTRAL CEMETERY

	<u>SALE OF LOTS</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>
Saurman, Edward & Elizabeth Cedar Lawn, E20	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Malpass, Charles Division 3, A28	700.00	700.00
Dunton, Lena B. Cedar Lawn, A22	175.00	175.00
Marchand, Abraham Cedar Lawn, E20	175.00	175.00
Jameson, Thomas Cedar Lawn, A32	175.00	175.00
Horne, Peter & Holly Division 3, A10-N	700.00	700.00
Fogarty, William B. Cedar Lawn, A8	175.00	175.00
Leary, Kathleen A. Division 3, A28-S	350.00	350.00
Avery, Dorothy Division 3, 93E	350.00	350.00
Davis, Francis A., Jr. & Helen Cedar Lawn, C32	350.00	350.00
	<hr/> 3325.00	<hr/> 3325.00

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 53-B REPORT

This was the fifth year the District has conducted the Household Hazardous Waste program for the member towns. We held two collections - in Hampton in the spring and Sandown in the fall. The collection in Hampton was held on May 14, 1996. A total of 364 cars attended the collection representing 390 households. The collection in Sandown was held on October 5, 1996. A total of 112 cars attended representing 123 households. At our first collection in 1992, 81% of the participants had never been to a HHW collection before. This year 45% had never been to a collection.

The total cost of both collections was \$26,102. A grant from the State of New Hampshire, based on the population of the District member towns, in the amount of \$8,616 helped to offset the costs. The remainder was paid out of District funds which had been set aside for this purpose. The per car cost for the Hampton collection was \$50.87; and the per car cost for the Sandown collection was \$68.17.

Based on the positive response we receive to these collections, the committee feels they are a very important function of the District and should continue. Citizens in our member municipalities continue to become more educated about household hazardous waste, have become familiar with the collections, and are willing to participate. The District has budgeted funds in the 1997/1998 Budget to hold collections in the spring and fall of 1997.

The Landfill portion of the District continues to be the management of the long-term contract with the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester. Brentwood, Fremont, Hampton, New Castle, North Hampton, Rye, and Sandown are currently shipping to Turnkey. In July, the current tipping fee of \$46.14 will be adjusted by the CPI at January 1, 1997. In addition to this increase, beginning July 1, 1997 the tipping fee will also be increased \$.65 per ton due to a host community fee that Turnkey must pay to the City of Rochester. This host community fee is provided for in RSA 149-M:13,V.

Please don't hesitate to call the Selectmen's Office or the Town's Recycling Center for any questions you may have; 603-964-5523 or 603-964-5300, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,
Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B

SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Commission's responsibility includes the operation, maintenance and billing of the sewer in the existing sewer district, and any extension or expansion of the sewer into other areas of the Town.

This year, the Commission held twenty-three (23) public meetings.

The following issues were addressed by the Commission in 1996:

1. Many manhole covers were inspected and sealed. Air release valves were discovered to be defective and have been replaced. These improvements and repairs control surface infiltration and enable us to maintain a fairly constant daily average flow.

2. We experienced a record breaking rainstorm in October, which caused severe flooding. We pumped a record 605,000 gallons in one day through our system where normally our daily average is 57,000 gallons. The system was able to handle this astronomical flow without incident. This extra flow caused an increase of approximately \$745 to our cost of treatment. We were able to apply for reimbursement from FEMA to cover the added costs due to this flooding rain.

3. CMA Engineers completed the study of the possible installation of a public sewer on Lafayette Road from Washington Road to the City of Portsmouth municipal boundary. The study has shown that Rye would need to construct a pumping station on Route 1 which, due to the current constraints of the Portsmouth system, would be equipped with a holding facility to allow off-peak pumping of sewage from Rye into the Portsmouth system. The estimated cost of this project is \$650,000.

Since its inception in March of 1993, the Commission has gained valuable experience and will continue to operate and maintain the sewer system in the best interests of the citizens of Rye.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon H. Valley
Chairman

**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

March 12 and 16, 1996

At 7:30 a.m. on March 12, 1996 at the Rye Elementary School gymnasium, Moderator Sharon DeVries opened the ballot box to display the empty compartments. She inserted the OpTech program pack in the Optech voting machine and secured it in place with tag no. 894808. Mrs. DeVries cleared the OpTech voting machine, displaying the resulting zero's tape and then also verified that the public counter read "zero". She ascertained that the machine was in proper operative order and that the phrase "system ready for voting" appeared at the beginning of the day's tape.

At 8:00 a.m. Moderator DeVries began the reading of the Official Warrant. It was moved by Jane Ireland, seconded by Elizabeth Yeaton, to waive the further reading of the Warrant. **So Voted.** Mrs. DeVries announced that the Absentee Ballots would be processed and cast after 2:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 659:49, and a notice of same was duly posted along with the list of those who applied for Absentee Ballots for this election. The moderator also announced that a Protest Petition had been received from Applehurst Farm L.L.C., Daniel Harvey, in accordance with RSA 675:5, protesting the zoning change proposed by Article 4, Amendment 5 of the Town Warrant. A notice of same was duly posted. Material which had been prepared by the Rye Planning Board regarding the zoning questions was made available for examination by voters. Also posted were sample ballots, instructions to voters, and the pertinent N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated, as required by law. Election workers were instructed by the moderator as to their duties.

Moderator Sharon DeVries declared the polls were open. The ballot box was secured and ballot voting commenced.

Absentee ballots were processed and cast, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Moderator DeVries pronounced the polls closed, allowing any voters remaining inside the polling area to complete their voting and cast their ballots. The counting process then ensued. At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. DeVries announced the results of the voting and declared the winners of each race. The results are shown on the accompanying page.

At 9:05 a.m., on the 16th of March 1996, at the Rye Junior High School gymnasium, Moderator Sharon N. DeVries called to order the business portion of the Annual Town Meeting. She introduced

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR THE TOWN OF RYE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996**

[Signature]
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

- A. To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this: .
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and complete the arrow.

FOR MODERATOR	
For Two Years	Vote for ONE
SHARON DEVRIES	1039*
smattering	

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
LEON H. VALLEY	997*
smattering	

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	
For Six Years	Vote for ONE
MADELINE CHICHESTER	1003*
smattering	

FOR SELECTMAN	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
DOUGLAS ABRAMS	382
JOE MILLS	841*
smattering	

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
BRIAN KLINGER	1001*
smattering	

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
ROGER O. PHILBRICK	1092*
smattering	

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
DAVID A. DAWLEY	327
CURT R. LOVELLETTE	196
ANDREW J. MAHONEY	484*
smattering	

FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE	
For Three Years	Vote for TWO
DOUGLAS ABRAMS	755*
MELVIN R. LOW	924*
smattering	

FOR PLANNING BOARD	
For Three Years	Vote for TWO
ROLAND A. BREWER, JR.	238
HENRY M. CAVARETTA	763*
GERALD J. CLINTON, SR.	189
GARY B. DODDS	499*
BILL ROACH	294
smattering	

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER	
For Three Years	Vote for ONE
LEON H. VALLEY	997*
smattering	

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	
For Six Years	Vote for ONE
MADELINE CHICHESTER	1003*
smattering	

ARTICLE 3.	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Article 3, as follows:	
Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a new municipal charter?	
420	YES
621*	NO

ARTICLE 4.	
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT QUESTIONS	
Proposed by the Rye Planning Board	

AMENDMENT 1	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:	
To change the definition of "Lot Depth" to read: "The average distance between the front or street line of the lot and the rear property line(s) measured perpendicular (or radial) to the street line.", which will make the definition easier for the average person to understand and apply?	
903*	YES
205	NO

AMENDMENT 2	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:	
To change the front yard requirement for the Commercial District from 60 feet to 30 feet, except along Lafayette Road (U.S. Route 1), where it would remain 60 feet, which would make the Commercial District front yard requirement consistent with the Business District front yard requirement?	
576*	YES
566	NO

AMENDMENT 3	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:	
To add the following to Section 702.1: "A. Deadline for Filing Administrative Appeals. Applications for administrative appeals pursuant to Section 701.1 shall be filed not later than 30 days from the date of decision in the following two circumstances: 1. Any final decision of the Planning Board on a subdivision, site plan review or lot line adjustment application. 2. Any decision of the Building Inspector which denies a permit. Other administrative appeals shall be filed within a reasonable period of time of the decision being appealed.", which would fix a deadline for the filing of most administrative appeals?	
803*	YES
271	NO

AMENDMENT 4	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:	
1) To Amend Section 501.6(B) to delete the present table of Signage Limitations for business directional signs and replace it with revised limitations which will result in somewhat smaller business directional signs than are presently allowed, and 2) add the following sentence to the definition of SIGN, BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL "Where the NH Department of Transportation Specifications conflict with the size limitations of Section 501.6(B) of this ordinance, this ordinance shall govern."?	
754*	YES
325	NO

AMENDMENT 5	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5, as follows:	
To amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Rye to reclassify those parts of the following parcels or areas which are Business District from Business District to General Residence District: Tax Map 20.2, Lot 2 (Williamson), Tax Map 20.2, Lot 81 (Mirra's Snug Harbor); Tax Map 19.4, Lots 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 (Orwood Condos); Tax Map 13, Lots 34, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42 (Cedar Ledge Condos), as these parcels were once business uses but are now used for residences?	
753*	YES
320	NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF RYE (cont.)

AMENDMENT 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend-
ment 6, as follows:

To amend the Official Zoning Map of the
Town of Rye to reclassify those parts of the
following parcels or areas which are Business
District from Business District to General
Residence District: Tax Map 20.2, Lots 77,
80 (Shoals View Condos), which were once
business uses but are now used for
residences?

785* YES

300 NO

ARTICLE 5. FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

AMENDMENT 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend-
ment 7, as follows:

1) To amend the Floodplain Development and
Building Ordinance to add the following pro-
vision to Article IX, Section 1: "c. Any
manufactured home to be placed on a site
within the V1 - V30, VE and V zones must
be elevated and anchored or be on the site
for less than 180 days and be fully licensed
and highway ready," which is required in
order to assure the Town of Rye's continued
eligibility for federally subsidized flood
insurance?

992* YES

125 NO

ARTICLE 6. BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT Proposed by the Rye Planning Board

AMENDMENT 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend-
ment 8, as follows:

To add provisions of the BOCA National Prop-
erty Maintenance Code/1993 to the Rye
Building Code which would apply only to ren-
tal units which are not owner-occupied. An
owner shall not rent or let a dwelling unit,
a motel or hotel unit, a tourist camp unit,
a rooming or boarding house unit or a dor-
mitory unit to another person unless such
unit complies with these provisions?

842* YES

262 NO

RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

Therese A Zartarian
School District Clerk

ARTICLE A:

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Three Years

Vote for TWO

RALPH HICKSON 848*

JEANNE M. MOYNAHAN 902*

ARTICLE B:

Shall a Charter Commission be established
for the purpose of establishing a new school
district charter?

487 YES

547* NO

**YOU HAVE NOW
COMPLETED VOTING**

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Michelle Sleeper, a Girl Scout from Troop 2253, and Adam Jennings, a Boy Scout from Troop 181, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator announced the results of Tuesday's election.

Mrs. DeVries noted that one individual chose not to run again this year, after more than thirty years of service to our community. John Patrick was a Supervisor of the Checklist for thirty six years, and also continues to serve in the capacity of Cemetery Trustee. Mr. Patrick was asked to come forward to receive recognition from the town. A standing ovation ensued. Mrs. DeVries presented him with a plaque which read "Presented to John Patrick March 16, 1996 for serving on the Town of Rye Supervisors of the Checklist 1960 - 1996." Mr. Patrick thanked everyone very much.

Moderator DeVries announced that the School District Meeting would be held March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior High School. She also announced that the Water District Meeting would take place on March 30th at 10:00 a.m., again at the Junior High School.

The moderator stated her rules for the meeting: She said that even though she makes the rules, "it's your meeting; you're free to change the rules". All comments should be addressed through the moderator. You are invited to come to the microphone and identify yourself. You are all welcome and invited to speak; this is your meeting. She asked that acrimony and accusations be kept to a minimum and said we are here for debate in the spirit of our forefathers. Mrs. DeVries indicated her desire to recognize all who wished to speak and said she would not allow anyone to cut off debate until all those whom she had recognized had had an opportunity to speak. A motion to end debate requires a two thirds vote. We will take the warrant articles in order unless someone moves to take them out of order and then we will vote on whether we should take them out of order. The sponsor of any article will generally be recognized first if he or she wishes to speak, and then the matter will be opened for discussion. Voting will be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is required by law or if a valid request for a secret ballot has been made. She said she did receive a written request, signed by at least five voters, for a secret ballot on Article 18 and that article will be voted by secret yes/no ballot today. Seven voters present may seek a secret ballot on a recount or reconsideration of a hand vote after the vote is declared. So if you think we have misinterpreted a hand vote, and you would like to have that vote taken by a secret ballot, it requires seven of you to ask for it after the vote has been taken and the results declared. You must check in with the checklist people and you will get an index card in order to vote by secret ballot today. You'll also please raise your cards when you're voting by show of hands.

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Motions to amend must be in writing and presented to the moderator, unless they're just one or two words. This legislative body may vote to restrict reconsideration of any vote taken and if you do vote to restrict reconsideration, that matter cannot be raised again at this meeting or an adjourned session of this meeting. The issue that has been restricted can only be raised at a new meeting no less than seven days later with proper advance notice being posted. When you vote to restrict reconsideration it means that when you leave here after the results of the vote are declared, you can go home and know that those who stayed at the meeting did not change what happened earlier in the day while you were here. If that is the result you want, then you should get in the habit of restricting reconsideration. We, as a community, have gotten into the habit of restricting reconsideration immediately after a vote is taken and the results declared. Motions for reconsideration must be made by someone on the prevailing side. Mrs. DeVries said she would entertain any motions anyone wishes to make.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and the Rye Fire and Police Association, affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire on January 22, 1996, which calls for the following increases in salaries and related benefits (i.e. FICA, retirement, etc.).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENT INCREASE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE AMOUNT</u>
1996	1.3%	\$12,843
1997	2.0%	\$13,570
1998	2.2%	\$14,335

FIRE DEPARTMENT

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENT INCREASE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE AMOUNT</u>
1996	0.9%	\$ 2,858
1997	1.0%	\$ 2,890
1998	1.0%	\$ 2,915

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand, seven hundred and one dollars (\$15,701) for the 1996 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year. These funds are dispersed in the appropriate line items in the budget.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, and seconded by Dr. Katner, to adopt Article 7.

Selectman Herlihy said the \$15,701 is made up of wage increases in the Police Department of 1.3% and in the Fire Department of .9%. There are other attendant increases in FICA, retirement and any attendant cost for medical insurance that might go up due to a salary increase. One other area that was a cost increase was an addition in the Fire Department for an allowance for advanced education, a maximum of \$500 this year per employee toward higher education. There were no cost increases in things such as longevity. There was a reduction in Holiday pay so it's not included in the \$15,701. Insurance benefits remained the same. There was some clarification language added for vacation and sick days earned in the Fire Department which will essentially reduce our costs a little bit in that area. This is a three year agreement, he said, so when you vote you're accepting all three years of the agreement and the estimated costs as shown.

Firefighter Mark Zartarian corrected Selectman Herlihy on two items: 1) The Fire Department did not get an increase in benefits for education. Mr. Zartarian said he believed that was the Police Department. 2) There were two longevities added to the Police Department.

Paula Snyder spoke as a point of clarification, saying that the \$500 for education is for this year and subsequent years it will be \$1000 for each year. Mr. Herlihy indicated that she is correct.

John Moynahan, Budget Committee Member, asked if the increase starts on April 1st? Mr. Herlihy responded that that is correct. Mr. Moynahan questioned the calculations and said his calculations showed different percentages than what was shown in the Article. He asked too, if it was not true that the Highway and Town Hall Employees' contract had a provision where if the Police and Fire Department employees got more than 1.5% then you had to re-open their contract. Mr. Herlihy responded that we have an agreement in the Town Hall/Highway contract that if the Fire and Police contract is higher, then the Town Hall/Highway will be brought up. In fact, he said, it isn't true. The Police/Fire contract is not higher as far as the increase is concerned, based on the calculations we've made. That has been discussed in detail with the Business Manager of the Teamsters Local and we're in agreement on this.

Mr. Moynahan reiterated that his calculations showed that rather than the 1.3% stated, they are in fact getting an average of 1.85%. Mr. Herlihy said he did not know what figures Mr. Moynahan was using, but we went through it very carefully. Several people have calculated this and we came up with these numbers.

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Public Works Director Bud Moynahan commented that this is from April to April and you pay for twelve months no matter how you do it. The moderator clarified with the Board of Selectmen that these numbers were for twelve months rather than for thirty nine weeks as Mr. Moynahan was figuring.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 7, as written. **SHOW OF HANDS.** Article 7 is declared **ADOPTED.**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and the Town Hall/Highway employees, affiliated with Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire on December 20, 1995, which calls for the following increases in salaries and related benefits (i.e., FICA, retirement, etc.).

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENT INCREASE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE AMOUNT</u>
1996	1.5% (Average)	\$10,140
1997	2.0%	\$10,342
1998	2.5%	\$10,600

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand, one hundred forty (\$10,140) for the 1996 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year. These funds are dispersed in the appropriate line items in the budget.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was **moved** by Selectman Herlihy, seconded by Selectman Mills, to adopt Article 8.

Mr. Herlihy explained that this is another three year agreement. The total cost this year is \$10,140. There's a 1.5% average wage increase for all the employees. There were increases in the benefits (FICA, retirement) based on that increase. There were no other cost increases. We capped longevity and eliminated it for all new employees, so in the future that will be a cost reduction. The medical insurance remained the same. Mr. Herlihy again stated that this is a three year agreement so when you vote you're accepting all three years of the agreement and the estimated costs. He thanked all the people on the Town negotiating committee including Janet Thompson, Brad Loomis, Bud Moynahan, Bruce Walker and the other two members of the Board of Selectmen.

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There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 8, as written. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 8 is declared ADOPTED.**

Mr. Herlihy moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 7, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion declared passed.**

Mr. Herlihy moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 8, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion declared passed.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a non-binding five (5) year lease/purchase agreement and to set the conditions of the agreement for the purpose of purchasing a new 1996 Caterpillar Model IT28F Integrated Toolcarrier for the sum of one hundred and fourteen thousand, nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$114,960), and to raise and appropriate twenty five thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$25,700) for the 1996 payment. (Explanation: At the conclusion of the five year lease, the Town will assume full ownership of the vehicle. Future lease payments will appear as a line item in the Debt Service budget.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 9.

Selectman Herlihy explained that this was to replace our twenty one year old Caterpillar 4-Wheel Loader with a new machine. The present machine is on its last legs and the cost of maintenance has risen dramatically in the last couple years. The time has come to trade the machine while it still has some residual value. We expect to receive approximately \$15,000 in trade, but that is subject to negotiations. We have determined that spreading the cost over five years was the most prudent way to finance this high cost piece of equipment.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 9, as written. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 9 is declared ADOPTED.**

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to restrict reconsideration of Article 9. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 9 is declared Restricted.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) to be deposited into the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund established March, 1994. This amount will be offset by seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) to be received in 1996 per the Town's 1994 Breakfast Hill Landfill Closure grant application through the State

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of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 1994 Municipal Landfill Closure Grants per Chapter Env-WM 3000, Part Env-Wm 3001.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 10.

Selectman Herlihy said we ultimately must close the Grove Road Landfill and the cost of that has been estimated, at these meetings over the years, at between a half million and \$900,000. In trying to hold this down, the town has decided to do much of the work itself, using the expertise of the DPW Director Bud Moynahan and his staff. We hope this will reduce our costs to well under a half million dollars. This year the state will approve a grant of a minimum of \$72,000 for funds the town expended already on the Breakfast Hill Landfill a number of years ago. We plan to place that grant money into the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve. The purpose of this article is to raise the funds which will then be offset by the state grant. This is essentially a no-cost item. These funds will be spent for the final design of the landfill closure and a small start on the actual construction of the closure.

George Denoncourt introduced himself, saying he represented a corporation as president and executive in charge, which owns some land in Rye. We have a significant amount of marine sand and marine clay deposited on that property. I have excavated a pond and have a problem disposing of this clay, which is a valuable resource for closing landfills - it's a natural cap. Unfortunately, he said, it's expensive. Over the long term use of the property the corporation owns in Rye and Rye Beach, we may wish to apply for permits to dig small ponds which are less than 20,000 square feet. This may be something we could all work together on, Mr. Denoncourt suggested, perhaps for the cost of removing it or some other minimum, nominal cost, the corporation could provide that to the town for the purpose of safely capping the landfill.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 10. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 10 is declared ADOPTED.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 149-I:17, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of continuing the preliminary engineering work for the installation of a public sewer on Lafayette Road from Washington Road to the City of Portsmouth municipal boundary. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in five (5) years, whichever is

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less.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was **moved** by Selectman Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 11.

Sewer Commissioner Leon Valley informed those present that we've done an engineering investigation. Portsmouth Public Works pumping station needs eventual upgrading and possibly replacement at some point in time. Their whole system is near capacity. Off peak capacity is however available and is the most promising aspect of being allowed to enter their system for the delayed and time controlled pumping. Plans, negotiations and discussions emphasize that. Actual approval by Portsmouth does not appear imminent. It would appear that it's optimistic enough that perhaps we can have a warrant article for the sewer of Lafayette Highway at the Town Meeting of 1997. Earlier this year the Selectmen asked the Sewer Commission to assume full responsibility for also coordinating Adams Trailer Park into the Portsmouth system as soon as possible. We agreed, Mr. Valley said, and are off and running on that particular issue. He respectfully asked for approval of this article.

Mr. Ladrie asked if we approved \$5,000 last year for a survey of this project, and how many times is that sewer going to be surveyed down there?

Mr. Valley said it is absolutely essential that this money be available, not to be spent unless circumstances come about which would allow us to spend some of this money. The \$10,000 which was appropriated last year was spent on engineering services to develop the necessary data for support of a warrant article, which cannot happen until the City of Portsmouth finally decides how they want us to enter, which is the crux of the problem at the moment.

Curt Lovellette illuminated that there has been quite a bit of surveying going on in connection with the lights that are going in at the intersection of Washington and Lafayette, and also the work the Water District has done along Lafayette Road.

Betty Tobey asked if this was really ever going to happen?

Commissioner Valley responded that he thought it was going to happen, albeit not in the time frame that was initially anticipated.

Jack Squires, Budget Committee Member, stated that he voted against this on the Budget Committee because by doing this in the future you're going to be seeing a warrant article for a few million dollars to do this Route 1 deal. Mr. Squires said the people at Adams Trailer Park have volunteered to put in a sewer

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connector on their own. He asked why should we pay for that? He warned that we're going to have another million dollars on our hands.

Jack Tobey mentioned that there were several other buildings along Route 1 in need of sewerage.

Mr. Valley again responded saying Adams Trailer Park has a problem that they can't resolve. The Selectmen have agreed that we should take this on as a project. He emphasized, in contrast to Mr. Squires statement, there will not be one dollar spent on Adams Trailer Park in order to have them hooked into the Portsmouth system. Any money that will be required for that will be paid by Adams Trailer Park. He said the highest estimate they have at the moment for sewerage Lafayette Highway, which would include holding tanks and a new pumping station, is around \$600,000 maximum.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 11. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 11 is declared ADOPTED.**

It was moved and seconded to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 10. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion declared passed.**

It was moved and seconded to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 11. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion declared passed.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:1 for the purpose of renovating and enlarging the Rye Recreation Building located at the Recreation area, and to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Selectman Katner, to adopt Article 12.

Selectman Mills said this is the building on the right as you enter the Recreation Area and was built in the early 60's. It has been neglected by past Recreation Boards. We have a new, energetic Recreation Committee. This needs a new roof and new windows. Mr. Mills asked that this article be passed.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 12. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 12 is declared ADOPTED.**

The moderator called for a vote to restrict reconsideration of

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Article 12. SHOW OF HANDS. Article 12 is declared Restricted.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance in the next two to four years, and to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 13.

Bruce Walker, Acting Fire Chief, explained that he had asked for this article. The present ambulance is a 1989 Ford which will probably need replacement in two to four years which is why he asked to start this fund with \$15,000 this year. He said new ambulances cost between \$85,000 and \$155,000.

Paula Snyder moved to amend Article 13 by deleting the words "and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend", seconded by Irving Skinner. She explained that this would mean that the Selectmen would have to come back to Town Meeting to request the money before they purchase an ambulance.

The moderator called for discussion on the amendment. There being none, she called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment to Article 13 is declared passed.**

The moderator called for discussion on Article 13, as amended. There being none, she called for a vote on Article 13, as amended. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 13, as amended, is declared ADOPTED.**

The moderator called for a vote to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 13. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 13 is declared Restricted.**

ARTICLE 14. On petition of Louise H. Tallman and at least 25 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to establish a Trust Fund for care of the Foss Graveyard, located at 35 Washington Road.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 14.

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Mrs. Tallman said the Foss Graveyard is one of the best examples of a family burial ground that we have in Rye. \$300.00 was left in a Will for the care of this site. The Selectmen at first refused the amount because it was inadequate. The graveyard is over 100 feet long and forty feet wide. We have discovered that there is a Foss Family Association and at their meeting last fall they voted a sum of \$100 to be added to a Trust Fund as established. Mrs. Tallman said the purpose would be to build the fund to an adequate size so that the income from it would be sufficient to care for the Foss Graveyard. She would advise any Foss descendent to contribute to this fund.

Selectman Mills spoke of the enormous volunteer work done by Louise Tallman and Bonnie Goodwin in the restoration and upkeep of these family graveyards. He urged passage of the article.

Curt Lovellette said he believed this article should be **amended** to establish an expendable Trust Fund so that we would not have to come back to Town Meeting in order to expend any of this trust. He referenced RSA 35:19. Mr. Lovellette **moved to Amend Article 14** by inserting the words "to establish an expendable Trust Fund".

Mr. Mills noted that the Trustees of Trust Funds do not spend the account, they spend the interest earned, so it would never go below this \$300. He urged defeat of the Amendment.

The moderator clarified with Mrs. Tallman that we would build the Trust Fund and expect to spend only the income from it. If the amendment means dipping into capital, Mrs. Tallman said, then it is not suitable.

Irving Skinner asked if the town had responsibility for other burial grounds around town.

Charles Tallman said it's the hope of the Foss Family Association to build a similar fund to the one the Locke Family Association has. He urged defeat of the amendment.

The moderator called for a second to the amendment. There being none, and based on Mrs. Tallman's statement, Mr. Lovellette **withdrew the amendment**.

The moderator called for a **vote** on the motion to withdraw the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. The amendment is declared withdrawn.**

Selectman Mills clarified with Mrs. Tallman that this article deals with only the one site. She said there are 58 burial grounds in this town, of which one of those is the public cemetery. We have focused restoration on roadside sites.

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Betty Tobey moved to amend the article by increasing the trust fund to \$500.00. Charles Sleeper seconded her motion.

Don Pongrace moved to amend the article by increasing the fund to \$3000.00, seconded by Charles Sleeper.

The moderator called for discussion on either of the two amendments.

Jack Squires said the Budget Committee understood that this was a one time shot for \$300 to establish this fund, because there were so many people who wanted to contribute to it.

Mel Low said this has been well thought out at \$300. He urged that we defeat the two amendments and get back to the \$300.

The moderator called for a vote on the motion to increase the amount to \$3,000. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for a vote on the motion to increase the amount to \$500.00. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment is declared DEFEATED.**

The moderator called for a vote on Article 14, as written. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 14, as written, is declared ADOPTED.**

Mr. Herlihy moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 14, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 14 is declared Restricted.**

ARTICLE 15. On the petition of Joan S. Dombrowski and at least 25 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for AIDS Response Seacoast, a community-based, non-profit, service organization, to be used to benefit Rye residents.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 15.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 15. **SHOW OF HANDS. Ruled Unclear.** The moderator called for Hand Count. Results of Count: Yes = 107; No = 45. Article 15 is declared **ADOPTED**.

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 15. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 15 is declared Restricted.**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be

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necessary to defray town charges for the calendar year 1996.

It was **moved** by Budget Committee Clerk Jack Squires, to adopt a budget in the amount of \$4,198,263, seconded by Terry Zartarian.

Selectman Joe Mills **moved to amend** the budget account #23-402 by increasing that line by \$10,000 and account #24-449 by increasing that line by \$10,000, or a total of \$20,000. This is the overtime account of the Highway Department, and the Sand and Salt account of the Highway Department. The winter we've had could leave us short-handed going into December. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion.

Bill Ladrie recommended passage, noting the good work done by our Highway Department. Applause!

The moderator called for a **vote** on the amendment to Article 16. **SHOW OF HANDS.** Amendment to add a total of \$20,000 to the Highway Department budget is declared passed.

Paula Snyder **moved to amend** the budget by reducing line 4324, which is Sanitation, by \$30,000. This is for tipping fees. Mr. Mills seconded her motion.

Mr. Herlihy said in 1995 the tipping fee budget was approximately \$146,000 of which we expended \$145,000. When the Board of Selectmen worked on the 1996 budget, we started out with a new figure of approximately \$80,000 and after consultation with our Public Works Director, we calculated very carefully what our tipping fee costs would be if all the households in Rye brought their solid waste to the dump, because we had made the decision that the town would no longer pay the tipping fee. We don't know exactly what the costs are going to be. If we reduce the budget, we may find ourselves coming up short this year. If we don't spend the money, then we don't spend the money. Mr. Herlihy urged that we leave the number at \$102,000 and get one year of experience to see where we are with this whole situation. He asked for defeat of the amendment.

Selectman Mills said he and Mr. Herlihy have a difference of opinion on this subject. He urged a vote for the reduction. He said that Mr. Moynahan had scaled down his total households and commercials were not taken into account. There was a per household average of so many pounds a year that each household generated. I believe Mr. Philbrick's route covered 800 customers and that leaves about 1500 - 1600 coming to the dump. I don't believe, he said, that there's 1500 customers using the Rye dump every week. We may come up a little short on the tipping fees. We have a contract until June 30th for \$45 and then it's raised by a dollar. There's not going to be any increase in the rate per ton. If we were going

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to pay the tipping fee for those customers of Mr. Philbrick, then I would say to leave it alone. But if we're not going to pay it, then I would ask you to reduce the budget and make us live with it.

The moderator called for a vote on the amendment. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment to reduce line 4324 by \$30,000 is declared passed.**

Paula Snyder moved to amend the budget by reducing line #4915, which is Capital Reserve, by \$10,000. She explained that \$10,000 was placed into the established capital reserve fund for reevaluations. She noted that we already have \$81,000 in this fund and that our equalized valuation is about 85%. We have enough money in there right now, Mrs. Snyder declared. Mrs. Zartarian seconded her motion.

Selectman Herlihy stated that there is a distinct possibility that we will be faced with a reevaluation within the next two years mandated by the State of New Hampshire. Rough estimate at this moment is that revaluation will cost us between \$150,000 and \$160,000. If we are faced with that in the next two years then we will have to fund the difference between the \$80,000 and the \$150,000 - to be conservative. If we put \$10,000 in this year at least we're helping ourselves.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on the amendment to reduce line #4915 by \$10,000. **Amendment is declared DEFEATED.**

There being no further amendments to the budget, the moderator asked Budget Committee Clerk Jack Squires for a bottom line amount. Mr. Squires moved the adoption of Article 16 in the amount of Four million, one hundred eighty eight thousand, two hundred sixty three dollars (\$4,188,263.00). Mr. Tobey seconded the motion. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 16, in the amount of \$4,188,263. is declared ADOPTED.**

Mrs. Zartarian moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 16. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 16 is declared Restricted.**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to implement the following recommendations of the Parsonage Property Usage Committee (PPUC):

1. Authorize the PPUC to proceed with an application for a "minor subdivision" of the property. The purpose of this subdivision is to create a salable property containing the 1810 Parsonage apartments on Washington Road. (reference: Land Development Regulations, Article II, Section 201.1 (b) defines a "minor subdivision")

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2. Take the following procedural actions to allow the subdivision:

a. Finalize the survey of the property.

b. Establish lot lines to accomplish Item 1 above.

3. When Items 1, 2-a and 2-b have been completed, the PPUC recommends that the Selectmen sell the subdivision established in Item 1, above.

and further instruct the Selectmen to schedule the actions implementing these recommendations in conjunction with the Library Expansion Project.

It was moved by Brian Klinger, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 13.

Brian Klinger, Chairman of the Parsonage Property Usage Committee, said the committee was formed to study and evaluate uses for the part of the Parsonage property that was not going to be needed for the library expansion project. He said they had two basic things in mind as they went through their deliberations. One was the clearly expressed desire of the town last year, that the library expansion be the primary purpose of the purchase of that land. The second was the clear sense of the town that the town did not want to be a long term landlord. He referenced a handout made available at the door which represents the present usage of the property. The committee came to the conclusion that we should recommend moving the original 1738 Parsonage from it's present location to a new location with frontage on Olde Parish Road. We recommend that that building be used by the Town of Rye as a historical museum and administered and run by the Rye Historical Society. The committee recommends that the new attachment to the 1738 Parsonage be removed, either by demolition, or by a purchaser on condition that it be removed from the site. The committee also recommends that the 1810 Parsonage be continued as residential use, which we feel is the best use for this property. We therefore recommend that this property be subdivided and eventually that this subdivision be sold, based on the theory and assumption that the Town of Rye does not want to be in the long term landlord business. The rest of this property should be left for use by the library for the expansion project. Mr. Klinger noted that this warrant article speaks mainly to the subdivision of the property because that's what we need approval for by the town at this point. He also said that while the committee feels the property should be subdivided and sold, we do not feel there is any urgency about doing that. He urged adoption of the article.

Irving Skinner asked that someone from the Library committee

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address the issue.

Mark Epply, Chairman of the Library Trustees, reported that the fund raising effort is progressing and at this point have raised approximately \$150,000. The goal is still to come back to the town after raising \$500,000 for this project. Mr. Epply questioned the selling of the subdivided parcel. Do the Selectmen need to come back to the town for permission?

Selectman Mills said the Selectmen would have the authority to sell it once it is subdivided. He said he was in favor of subdividing and that probably the Selectmen would come back to the town to see if they would like to sell it or keep it.

Mr. Epply said he was not in favor of the part of the article that allows the Selectmen to sell the property after subdivision and felt that needed to be restricted from the article. Mr. Epply moved to amend Article 17 by deleting paragraph #3. "When Items 1, 2-a and 2-b have been completed, the PPUC recommends that the Selectmen sell the subdivision established in Item 1, above." Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Jim Brown questioned the advisability of subdividing the property until such time as you do want to sell the property.

Mr. Mills spoke of changing laws and said they felt it was prudent to subdivide now.

Mr. Brown expressed his reservations and said he felt this is very valuable property and we should think this over several times before selling.

Paula Snyder stated her opinion that whether or not we remove this paragraph does not take away the Selectmen's authority to sell the property. The Town owns the land.

Town Counsel Michael Donovan said that is not true. The Selectmen cannot sell any town land without the approval or authority of Town Meeting, tax deeded property being the exception. Atty. Donovan said that in his opinion the proposed amendment makes the article compatible with state law.

Selectman Herlihy said he supports the amendment.

Betty Tobey suggested changing some wording. She said there is no point in subdividing anything until the library expansion plans are in place.

The moderator called for discussion on the proposed amendment to delete paragraph 3. There being none, she called for a vote. **SHOW OF HANDS. Amendment to delete paragraph 3 of Article 17 is declared Passed.**

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Betty Tobey **moved** to amend the article by adding the words "completion of " after the words in conjunction with, so that the last paragraph of Article 17 would read "and further instruct the Selectmen to schedule the actions implementing these recommendations in conjunction with completion of the Library expansion project". Mrs. Zartarian seconded the motion.

Robert Brown, Vice Chair of the PPUC, spoke against the proposed amendment. The reason for doing the subdivision now has to do with regulation changes as well as that this defines exactly where the lines are so the architect knows how to work.

Mrs. Tobey defended her proposed amendment. She mentioned now adding a new paragraph B. Moderator DeVries asked her to draft the amendment in writing and to present it for discussion.

Mr. Klinger **moved** that we postpone further discussion to a time certain 30 minutes from now. He felt this would allow Mrs. Tobey time to draft her amendment. The moderator called for a **vote** on the motion to postpone. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion is declared passed.**

Moderator DeVries stated that the next Article requires a secret ballot. After we finish voting on that, we will go back to Article 17.

ARTICLE 18. On petition of Maynard L. Young and at least 34 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote that the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment be elected in accordance with the terms of RSA 669:17, V-a and RSA 673:3.

It was **moved** by Mr. Young, seconded by Leigh DeRochemont, to adopt Article 18.

The moderator announced that a valid petition for a secret ballot vote on Article 18 has been received and she verified that the petitioners were all present.

Maynard Young said this is a housekeeping procedure. The RSA has been on the books for a year, and he said he believed it was just an oversight where all our other boards are elected. This way we'll know who's running and who the candidates are.

Jack Tobey urged a vote in favor of the article.

Lester Stevens said he went along with the article because we're a democratic town.

Paul Schrier spoke against this article. Our founding fathers set up a system of checks and balances which is very important. He thought it right to have an elected Planning Board and an appointed Board of Adjustment.

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Jane Langley spoke against the article.

Priscilla Patrick spoke in support, saying she had been a Planning Board member for a number of years and she was not a politician.

Curt Lovellette spoke in support of the article.

Betty Menson, citizen of Rye and Board of Adjustment member, agreed with Mr. Schrier. In her experience as both a petitioner and board member, you do have a unique board. She went on to describe the members and their backgrounds, and praised them for their work and level of responsibility. She encouraged defeat of the article.

Guy Chichester said the Board of Adjustment is clearly one of the most critical boards that we have in terms of power. We are at a time when developments are accelerating. We need to hear from these members of these boards as to how they'll deal with these issues.

Jack Squires **motioned** to move the question.

Robert Papp said he could not support the article because it is a very important Board in the town, and one that requires talent and we're better off having a selection process that does not include the electorate to pick those people. He said that very often he finds that people who wish to set themselves up for an election have an axe to grind. We're better off to rely upon the Selectmen to designate who serves on the Board of Adjustment.

The moderator clarified that the Board of Adjustment has three areas of jurisdiction: variances, special exceptions, and appeals from the decisions of the Building Inspector.

Bill Jenness, Building Inspector, said no one spends anymore time at Board of Adjustment meetings than he does, having been doing this since 1971. He said he is very much opposed to electing the Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Denoncourt attempted to speak to the issue. A point of order was raised as to his residency. It was established that Mr. Denoncourt owns property in town but he resides and votes in the town of North Hampton. The moderator called for a **vote** on whether or not the Town Meeting would allow Mr. Denoncourt to speak. **SHOW OF HANDS.** The moderator announced that he would not be allowed to speak.

The moderator called for a **vote** on Article 18. Secret yes/no ballot voting ensued. Results: Yes = 45; No = 126. Article 18 is declared **DEFEATED**.

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The meeting returned to Article 17, which had been postponed to this point. Moderator DeVries explained that she had had an opportunity to speak with Mrs. Tobey and that now the amendment to Article 17 would be as originally stated, i.e., to add the words "completion of" before the final words in the article which are the Library Expansion Project.

Mr. Papp said this, if taken literally, would do nothing but cause problems. There are three recommendations and the amendment would not allow these to be done until completion of the library project.

Mr. Klinger respectfully spoke against the amendment.

Lester Stevens said he believed the subdivision should be done as soon as possible so that everybody knows where they stand on the whole issue.

Jane Langley asked Town Counsel how the last paragraph would effect the whole thing.

Atty. Donovan said he wasn't sure of the intent of the amendment. He stated that he did not see any material difference between the original article and the amendment. He suggested that Mrs. Tobey should explain any implied change in the intent.

Mrs. Tobey moved to withdraw her amendment. Many seconds. **SHOW OF HANDS. So voted.**

The moderator called for a vote on Article 17, as amended (i.e., with paragraph 3 deleted). **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 17, as amended, is declared ADOPTED.**

The moderator called for a vote to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 17. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 17 is Restricted.**

Mrs. Zartarian moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 18, seconded by Mr. Herlihy. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 18 is Restricted.**

ARTICLE 19. On petition of Lawrence Morse and at least 33 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote that the Town convey equally by deed to the abutters, Raymond F. and Jean A. Comeau and John L. and A. Elizabeth Sarni, any interest the Town may have in the "paper street" abutting lots 168 and 169 of Tax Map 5.2, located on Richard Road. The purpose of the conveyance is to create good record title for the property and the "paper street" has already been released from Town use automatically under New Hampshire law.

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It was moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 19.

Selectmen Mills asked permission for Mr. Comeau and Mr. Denoncourt to speak, since they are both property owners but non residents, however the article directly involves their property.

The moderator said it was her suggestion they these people be allowed to speak since they are directly effected by the article. She asked if anyone had a problem or wanted to move to not allow them to speak. There being none, Moderator DeVries ruled that Mr. Comeau and Mr. Denoncourt would be allowed to address this article.

Mr. Raymond Comeau said he had property at 31 Richard Road. He described his property and gave a variety of reasons, including past practice, for passage of this article.

Mr. Denoncourt said the property in question is not owned by the town. He rebutted much of Mr. Comeau's presentation.

Selectman Mills read RSA 231:51: Any street, lane or alley within the state which has been dedicated for public use by being drawn or shown upon a plan or plans platted by the owner and the sale of lots in accordance with such plan may be released and discharged from all public servitude by vote of the governing body of the city or town if such street, lane or alley has not been open, built, or used for public travel within twenty years of such dedication.

Joe Falletti said it appears to him that we're being asked to vote on what may be a legal matter. He worried about the appropriateness of this forum.

Selectman Katner said he'd like to see this tabled. He said he's not sure we should give away something we don't own. This appears to be a problem involving the abutters, not the town.

It was moved by Dr. Katner, seconded by Jack Squires, to Table Article 19.

Atty. Donovan stated that in his opinion there's a legitimate question as to whether this is a paper street or reserved frontage to backland. He suggested the matter be tabled.

The moderator called for a vote on the motion to Table Article 19. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 19 is declared TABLED.**

ARTICLE 20. On petition of Robert S. Barber and Jean C. Barber and at least 30 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to convey by deed to Robert S. Barber and Jean C. Barber any interest the Town may have in the "paper street" abutting lot

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#44, tax map 12, lot #1, tax map 16 and lot #11, tax map 15, off Olde Parish Road. The purpose of the conveyance is to create good record title for the property and the "paper street" has already been released from Town use automatically under New Hampshire law.

It was **moved** by Dr. Katner, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 20.

Dr. Katner **moved** to Table Article 20, seconded by Mr. Herlihy.

Bob Barber asked how long it would be tabled and pointed out that this piece of land would benefit the library.

Atty. Donovan stated that when Town Meeting tables an article, it's tabled until another Town Meeting, if someone would want to petition it again next year. Under the statutes, these matters fall with the governing body to resolve anyway, which is the Board of Selectmen. They could work with the Selectmen in the coming year to try and resolve it, and not necessarily come before Town Meeting.

Joe Mills said two years ago the Board of Selectmen recommended Mr. Comeau and Mr. Sarni come before Town Meeting.

The moderator called for a **vote on Tabling Article 20. SHOW OF HANDS. Article 20 is declared TABLED.**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey to the Forest Green Homeowners Association, for one (1) dollar, title to two narrow parcels of land, 0.16 acres and 0.36 acres in size, respectively, each running adjacent to the entrance of Forest Green Road, subject to the conditions that the use of the parcels shall be limited to landscaping of the entrance to Forest Green Subdivision; that the parcels shall never be used for building purposes or become part of any residential lot; and that, if the conditions are violated, ownership of the parcels shall revert to the Town.

It was **moved** by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 21.

Mr. Herlihy explained the location of this parcel and that it couldn't be used for anything else so it ended up with the Town of Rye. The Forest Green Homeowners Association is asking that the parcel be deeded, for beautification purposes only, to the entrance to the subdivision. The Selectmen feel it's an opportunity for the town to eliminate ownership of essentially useless property and reduce slightly our liability exposure.

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There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 21. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 21 is declared ADOPTED.**

Motion to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 21. SHOW OF HANDS. Article 21 is Restricted.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of Guy Chichester and at least 29 other voters of the Town of Rye, to see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

It was moved by Guy Chichester, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 22.

Mr. Chichester explained the article, saying it was a non binding declaration. He said our Congress needs to "feel the heat" so they'll "see the light".

Moderator DeVries reaffirmed that this is non binding.

Bill Ladrie said we're not going to change anything. This is the American way. He urged a no vote.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 22. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 22 is declared ADOPTED.**

Mr. Herlihy moved to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 22, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 22 is Restricted.**

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ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve an addition to the Parking Ordinance which was enacted by the Selectmen at their meeting of August 15, 1995, to locate two (2) No Parking signs at the Wentworth Road turn around. One No Parking sign will include the times from 11 PM until 6 AM and the second No parking sign addresses RV's and campers.

It was **moved** by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Herlihy, to adopt Article 23.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 23. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 23 is declared ADOPTED.**

It was **moved** to Restrict Reconsideration by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 23 is Restricted.**

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following addition to the No Parking signs and Rules and Regulations to the Parking Ordinance which was enacted by the Selectmen as an interim ordinance at their meeting of November 13, 1995:

+++ (The complete text of Article 24 is recorded in the Official Warrant for the March 12 and 16, 1996 Town Meeting) +++

Selectmen Mills **moved** to waive the complete reading of Article 24. His motion was duly seconded.

It was **moved** by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mrs. Zartarian, to adopt Article 24.

Selectman Mills **moved** to **amend** the ordinance in several places, under Jenness Beach: The second item presently reads: No parking on either side of Gray Court. Change to read: No parking south to Gray Court except in the area directly in front of Farley's Store. Under Jenness Beach, the third item presently reads: No parking on either side of Myrica Ave. Change to read: No parking between Gray Court and Myrica Ave on the westerly side of Ocean Boulevard. He was halted by Jack Squires and then Mr. Wood, who questioned the article.

Chief Loomis said every summer the influx of people creates a safety problem down by the beaches. He enumerated several of the problems.

Mr. Mills explained that they had worked with the residents to come up with this. He again listed additions to the ordinance: add from Wallis Road, heading south, to just north of 1233 Ocean Boulevard - remove the No Parking signs; add from Pirate's Cove Restaurant, heading north, to Old Ocean Boulevard - No Parking. Mr. Herlihy seconded his motion to amend.

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Mr. Joe Falletti felt he was not in a position to judge these types of changes without much more technical information, and he moved to Table Article 24. Jack Squires seconded his motion.

The moderator called for discussion on the motion to table.

Jack Squires pointed out a few problems that this would generate. No parking on Church Road would mean that the people who go to church in that small chapel down there would not be able to go to church down there. No parking either side of South Road would cause the same problem for St. Theresa's Church. He said the whole thing is confusing and penalizes the homeowner down there for the summer people.

Brian Klinger said that as he understands it, this is an ordinance which has been put into effect by the Selectmen. If we table this, does it stay in effect or is the ordinance null and void?

Atty. Donovan said under state law the Selectmen have the authority to regulate the roads and streets and parking on the town roads and streets. The practice in Rye has been to confirm those regulations at Town Meeting, so basically, if it's tabled it would be left back in the hands of the Selectmen to determine what to do.

George Wood asked the Selectmen to indicate what their position would be if the article is tabled.

Mr. Mills said in order to keep public safety in the Town of Rye, if you vote to table this, then we'll just vote to re-enact this ordinance on Monday night.

Mr. Wood then recommended that we not table this, so we can get this corrected. He said there are several big problems with this.

Atty Donovan stated that the state statutes very clearly place with the Board of Selectmen the power to regulate town roads.

Mr. Mills said we had a public hearing on this with state officials in the town hall. We had input from the public.

Mr. Falletti said he recommended tabling because we have inadequate information to vote. He said he didn't care how we do it, but he felt we should only vote for those items having to do with public safety, until we understand more.

Chief Loomis said most everything in there has to do with public safety.

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Margaret Carroll said she was one of the people who requested the Selectmen to help with the parking. She said if we table this we'll be putting off something that should be straightened out before summer.

Pat Wood said she'd worked very hard to keep the beaches open. It seems to me, she said, that you're saying we're not going to let anyone park on these streets because we don't want them to use our beach.

Bob Papp said he was for tabling because it's a moot point anyway. He felt the problem is that the Board of Selectmen have not taken into account all the people in their opinions. It's moot because they can do what they want anyway. He suggested that this body table it and that the Selectmen set up a better meeting structure to take the opinions of all the people and recognize the fact that you need to communicate what you're intending to do before that meeting.

Jane Langley said there was a meeting last summer which the Dept. of Transportation attended. She informed the body that there has never been parking on either side of Gray Court, so some of this is not a change.

The moderator called for a vote on the motion to table Article 24. **SHOW OF HANDS. The moderator declared the Motion to Table is Passed.**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following Ordinance which was enacted by the Selectmen as an interim ordinance at their meeting of November 13, 1995:

STOP AND YIELD SIGN ORDINANCE

+++The complete text of this article is recorded
in the Official Warrant for the March 12 and 16,
1996 Town Meeting, Article 25+++

It was **moved** by Joe Mills to waive the further reading of this article. His motion was seconded by Mr. Herlihy.

It was **moved** by Selectman Mills, seconded by Selectman Katner, to adopt this article.

Mrs. Tallman pointed out a typographical error on page 66 of the Town Report - there are two entries saying South at West (east). The moderator clarified that the second time it's entered, it should be deleted as a scribner's error.

Carroll Brown **moved** to table this article, for the same reason as the previous article. Mr. Papp seconded the motion.

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Chief Loomis explained the reason for the article (tape is unclear).

Mr. Papp felt that all these technical, detailed things should not be brought to this meeting. He felt the Selectmen should go back, have a meeting, and enact it themselves. He again admonished the Board to let everybody know what's going on.

Bill Ladrie said the Selectmen are trying to communicate with the town. These stop signs have been up there for years. All they're doing is publishing this so we can know where they are. He urged that the body not table the article.

Ann O'Sullivan felt the article should not be tabled, but rather brought up, possibly amended, and passed.

Mr. Mills took issue with Mr. Papp's admonishment, saying there had been a Public Hearing on these stop signs and we advertised it at our meetings.

The moderator called for a vote on the motion to Table Article 25. **SHOW OF HANDS. Motion to Table is DEFEATED.**

Jim Brown asked if there was a four way sign at Foye's Corner and upon hearing that there was not, asked why. Mr. Mills responded that it is a State road and we have no jurisdiction.

There being no further discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 25. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 25 is declared ADOPTED.**

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to Restrict Reconsideration of Article 25. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 25 is Restricted.**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend Town Ordinance #13, Dump Regulations (on file in the Town Clerk's office) as follows:

Effective April 1, 1996, all item disposed of in the packer will either be in clear plastic bags or in open containers so contents are visible to the attendant.

It was moved by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Bill Ladrie, to adopt Article 26.

Charles Sleeper said he is an avid recycler, but he has a trash compactor and the bags are of brown paper. He said he thought this was a waste of the town's money.

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Mr. Papp thought this would put a burden on the whole town just to take care of a few people.

The moderator called for a vote on Article 26. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 26 is declared DEFEATED.**

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

It was **moved** by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Sleeper to adopt Article 27.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 27. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 27 is declared ADOPTED.**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 1996.

It was **moved** by Mr. Herlihy, seconded by Mr. Mills, to adopt Article 28.

There being no discussion, the moderator called for a vote on Article 28. **SHOW OF HANDS. Article 28 is declared ADOPTED.**

ARTICLE 29. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. Mills said he had had several complaints from some residents about the free newspapers that are being delivered to your residences. He said he planned to have universal paper tubes put up so there'd be no more hanging them on mail boxes or throwing them on the ground. This is a giant littering problem. He wanted to know if the Board of Selectmen should pursue some sort of an ordinance requiring a receptacle for free newspapers being delivered.

Charles Sleeper said other towns with this problem enacted a littering ordinance. If you have a littering ordinance, you can go back to the newspaper organization and fine them for throwing that paper on the ground.

Mr. Mills said this would require Police running back and forth trying to bag people for littering. He reiterated his proposal for a universal receptacle, saying it would be a lot neater.

The moderator ascertained from those present that the Selectmen should look into this and report back next March!

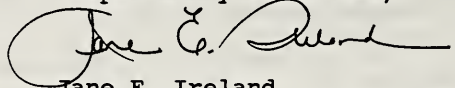
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Paula Snyder suggested that the Town Report should include the fact that we now have 911.

Charles Sleeper moved to ADJOURN, seconded by Brian Klinger.
SO VOTED.

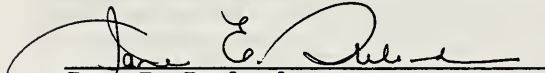
Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true record, ATTEST:



Jane E. Ireland
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Transcribed from tape.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARENTS</u>
Dec. 27, 1995	Portsmouth	Matthew Christopher Cornell	William C. Cornell and Lesley F. Cocke
January 15	Exeter	Jordan Daniel Paulding	Michael J. Paulding and Sara E. Seidel
January 21	Portsmouth	Andrew Joseph Arcidi	Alfred J. Arcidi and Mary L. Facella
February 19	Exeter	Kelsey Jean Martin	David E. Martin and Lisa A. Smolak
February 23	Portsmouth	Bryan Adam King	Stephen J. King and Marci D. Walters
March 7	Littleton	Tyler Henry Dewsnap	Christopher R. Dewsnap and Kristina M. Thoma
March 19	Portsmouth	Andrew Joseph Gormley	Lawrence B. Gormley and Patricia L. Goldrick
April 9	Portsmouth	Zachary Charles Rohacek	Carl M. Rohacek and Mary J. Carney
April 11	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Gates Nelson	Douglas A. Nelson and Karin E. Cullity
April 18	Portsmouth	Taylor Pedersen Schwartz	Carl A. Schwartz and Cynthia W. Semple
April 19	Portsmouth	Nicole Marie Daphnis	James J. Daphnis and Margaret M. Correia
April 29	Portsmouth	Rebecca Anne Hilton	Peter J. Dunkerley and Lisa J. Hilton
April 29	Portsmouth	Nicholas Joseph Ritzo	Joseph A. Ritzo and Tracy A. Farnsworth
April 30	Portsmouth	Michael Paul Costello	Bryan P. Costello and Kimberly A. Bickford
May 1	Portsmouth	Owen Casey Shepcaro	Marc J. Shepcaro and Susan A. McIntosh
May 31	Portsmouth	Nicholas Wali Mackey	Paul S. Mackey and Maria C. Denton
June 8	Portsmouth	Matthew Connor Vogt	Marc C. Vogt and Suzanne L. Krupp
June 14	Portsmouth	Molly Clark Buchanan	Donald F. Buchanan and Janis Clark
June 24	Portsmouth	Thomas Henry Bebbington	Andrew C. Bebbington and Rachel M. Sherred
July 8	Portsmouth	Megan Elizabeth Clawson	Gary L. Clawson and Melissa M. Ford
July 8	Portsmouth	Sarah Marie Clawson	Gary L. Clawson and Melissa M. Ford
July 17	Portsmouth	Nellie Matilda Coyle	Terrence H. Coyle and Rhonda Stacy
July 20	Portsmouth	Scott Allen Pearson	Kenneth F. Pearson and Monica Andreassen
July 26	Portsmouth	Christian William Gum	William K. Gum, Jr. and Amy M. Krecklow
August 3	Portsmouth	Morgan Donald Blanchard	Robert K. Blanchard and Dawn O. MacDoanld
August 8	Portsmouth	Suzannah Abigail Blass	Perry Blass and Karen A. Mullaly
August 12	Portsmouth	Meagan Riann Connell	John P. Connell and Lucinda A. Leach
August 12	Portsmouth	Alexander Joseph Stone	Eric J. Stone and Martha E. Cohen
August 15	Portsmouth	Lucas David Kohlhasse	David W. Kohlhasse and Regina A. Nappi
August 21	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Jeannine Steucek	Peter A. Steucek and Beth A. Ruesch
August 23	Portsmouth	Nicholas Nye Conner	Charles Conner and Elizabeth A. Cox
October 17	Portsmouth	Alorah Connolly-Pelletier	Albert S. Pelletier and Deborah Connolly
November 1	Portsmouth	Ryan Anthony Webb	Mark A. Webb and Tara M. Ryan
December 27	Portsmouth	Ryan Alexander Greco	Steven F. Greco and Linda A. Zubkus

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>BRIDE'S NAME AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
January 6	Matthew Gerard Casey, San Francisco, CA	Holly Thoms, San Francisco, CA
January 27	Harold Eugene Kershner, Rye, NH	Patricia Hughes Frey, Ridgefield, CT
February 24	Jon Clifford Gilvar, Rye, NH	Debra Margaret Dileo, Rye, NH
April 6	Joseph W. Keyser, Rye, NH	Trudy A. Curran, Rye, NH
April 20	William F. Mitiguy, Bradford, MA	Alyson Beth Peers Godin, Bradford, MA
April 21	Kenneth F. Pearson, Rye, NH	Monica Andreassen, Rye, NH
May 18	Ronald Scott Aviles, Brockton, MA	Sherry Scott, Arlington, MA
May 18	Ronald Arthur Hordon, Melrose, MA	Jennifer Moynahan, Melrose, MA
May 19	Christopher Mason Brigham, Townsend, MA	Mary Ellen Trainor, Townsend, MA
May 25	Mark Gerald Shea, Morris Plains, NJ	Holly Kizer Stone, Morris Plains, NJ
June 1	Bradford Michael Berube, Rye, NH	Kerri Lee Barbin, Rye, NH
June 1	Daniel Joseph Broderick, Maynard, MA	Karen Lynne Nohmer, Acton, MA
June 1	John Mc Ewan Overton Jr., Canton, MA	Christine Meredith Hand, Rye, NH
June 8	Tu Ngoc Nguyen, Somerville, MA	Demerise Rose Dubois, Somerville, MA
June 8	Robert Henry Weichert, Au Gres, MI	Patricia Gail Bradford, Rye, NH
June 15	Kenneth Jewett Moore, Rye, NH	Paula Jane Neal, Rye, NH
June 22	Patrick Duff Gould, Hampton, NH	Bridget Leigh Anderson, Rye, NH
June 22	Eric Matthew Snider, Flagstaff, AZ	Esther Yu Smith, Flagstaff, AZ
June 29	Lawrence Michael Berrigan, Wilmington, MA	Karen Alice Hansen, Rye, NH
June 29	Brian Robert McCarthy, Lowell, MA	Judith Ann Keenan, Rye, NH
June 29	Lyle Robert McIntire, Rye, NH	Kimberly Elizabeth Lodge, Rye, NH
July 4	David Thomas Mallory, Rye, NH	Michelle Ann Beaulieu, Rye, NH
July 6	Albert Stewart Fulton, Redlands, CA	Judith Hathaway Kohlback, Augusta, NJ
July 6	Timothy Edward Lyons, Westford, MA	Caroline Jane Down, Newburyport, MA
July 6	Jeffrey George Martin, Rye, NH	Kerrie Sue Gilmore, Rye, NH
July 13	Mark Steven Constance, Marina Del Rey, CA	Bethany Eve Damson, Marina Del Rey, CA
July 14	Jeffrey Raymond Pierce, Waterbury, VT	Heidi Elizabeth Young, Waterbury, VT
July 24	William Kenneth Gum, Jr., Portsmouth, NH	Amy Maureen Krecklow, Rye, NH
July 27	James Michael Colliton Jr., Bedford, MA	Erin Louise Hartnett, Somerville, MA
July 27	Derek Myron Shoffner, Boston, MA	Lori Ann Cavaretta, Boston, MA
August 2	Christopher Emilius, Malden, MA	Janet Gail O'Shaughnessy, Stoneham, MA
August 2	Randall Keith Limberg II, Maryville, IL	Susan Duryea Hanna, Rye, NH
August 3	Michael George Maguire, Arlington, VA	Kelly Anne Matthews, Arlington, VA
August 8	Gary Eugene Miller, Rye, NH	Marie Josephine Fox, Wenham, MA
August 17	Jose Luis Bustos Utrabo, Granada, Spain	Susan Condrey McDermott, Westford, Va
August 24	Paul Stanley Green, Westwood, MA	Sarah Anne Reid, Westwood, MA
August 24	Peter Thomas Kendall, Rye, NH	Elizabeth Ann Abraham, Rye, NH
August 25	John Michael Jenkins, Newnan, GA	Kimberly K. K. Bain, Newnan, GA
August 31	Erik Wolfgang Brewer, Falls Church, VA	Christine Diane Chirolas, Falls Church, VA
August 31	Steven Robert Turner, Rye, NH	Shari Lynn Mastro, Rye, NH
September 1	Prakash Reddy Vesireddy, Cranston, RI	Sarina Yasmine Khan, Cranston, RI
September 6	Guy Bruce Waldo, Indianapolis, IN	Laura L. Webb, Rye, NH
September 7	Michael Joseph Matheson, Dracut, MA	Jeannine Marie Lanier, Dracut, MA
September 7	Charles Thompson Pierce, Baltimore, MD	Mary Elizabeth Laverty, Towson, MD
September 7	Michael Ross Thomson, Tallahassee, FL	Christine Marie Casassa, Rye, NH
September 21	Michael Robert Hopley, Portsmouth, NH	Nicole Kathryn Predaris, Rye, NH
September 21	George F. Venci, Jr., Chicago, IL	Laura Christine Schwartz, Chicago, IL
September 28	Justin Brock Wrigley, Saco, ME	Emily Anne Ouimet, Saco, ME
October 5	Eric Douglas Phelps, Ossining, NY	Michelle Eileen White, Ossining, NY
October 12	Dean Arthur Tibbetts, Rye, NH	Angel Marie Blais, Rye, NH
October 19	Michael John Decristofaro, Rye, NH	Jane Ellen Meyer, Rye, NH
October 25	Richard Lynn Ward, Rye, NH	Cindy Marie Martin, Madbury, NH
October 26	David Harris Caldwell, Marblehead, MA	Myrla Mitchel Casey, Rye, NH
November 9	Carl Robert Lekebusch, Wareham, MA	Amanda Lee Higgins, Wareham, MA
November 17	Guy K. Buesing, Rye, NH	Lieu T. Cao, Dover, NH
November 29	William Henry Goodwin, Jr., Amesbury, MA	Cheryl Ann Lundstrom, Amesbury, MA
November 30	Laurence Joseph Gillis, Exeter, NH	Marcia C. Woicak, Rye, NH
November 30	John Edward Hogan, Marlborough, MA	Regina Kuersten, Marlborough, MA

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>NAMES OF PARENTS</u>
January 5	Rye	Josephine Dorothy Patterson	Michael J. Daley and Josephine Cousins
January 7	Rye	Robert Samuel Scales	Samuel R. Scales and Elizabeth Soar
January 9	Portsmouth	Rita M. Kelly	Michael Maguire and Bridgette Duffy
January 11	Rye	Francis J. Costello	Michael J. Costello and Maryann Sullivan
January 15	Rye	James Patrick Hutchinson	James F. Hutchinson and Jane Hanson
January 25	Rye	Susan Eliza Bacon	James W. Knights and Carrie B. Cook
January 27	Portsmouth	Morris Herbert Berry	Charles M. Berry and Florence McCue
January 28	Portsmouth	Gemma Casey	John B. Casey and Christine Moore
February 7	Rye	Helen Jean Foss	William H. Gormley and Mary McIvor
February 14	Rye	Joseph Paul Holihan	James P. Holihan and Mary Alice Behan
February 16	Exeter	Frederick Joseph Bailey, Jr.	Frederick J. Bailey and Norma F. Amazeen
February 16	Rye	Abraham Anthony Marchand	George Marchand and Amy Chalifoux
March 5	Portsmouth	Sheila Balboni	Jeffrey M. Balboni and Margaret Bizzarro
March 10	Exeter	Marion Ellen Bowdren	James F. Bowdren and Nora V. Joyce
March 11	Rye	Charles Crosby Allen, Jr.	Charles C. Allen and Elizabeth E. Poore
March 14	Rye	Gladys Kimball	William Wingate and Mabel French
March 18	Rye	Meta Louise Meyer	Martin H. Tietjen and Emma L. Buehler
March 22	Portsmouth	Charles Jones Rawding	Robert D. Rawding and Fannie Jones
March 26	Portsmouth	William Francis Harrington	William F. Harrington, Sr. and Anna Dempsey
March 27	Portsmouth	Brendon Vincent Tully	James Tully and Helen Wholey
April 13	Portsmouth	Paul Patrick Leary	Paul F. Leary and Sally Tower
April 22	Portsmouth	Earl George Ouellette	George Ouellette and Whilmena Paradis
April 26	Rye	Richard Neal Ryan, Jr.	Richard N. Ryan and Beverly J. Bennett
May 7	Exeter	Elizabeth Carr	Ralph W. Kimball and Gladys Wingate
May 8	Hampton	Victor Chadwick Thomas	George C. Thomas and Nina E. Bartlett
May 13	Rye	Mabel J. Crowell	George Whalen and Sadie French
May 14	Rye Beach	William Blizard Burford	Owen Burford and Bessie Bennett
May 17	Portsmouth	Judith P. Tranberg	Ernest Ploss and Lena C. Lee
June 18	Rye	Alma Goodwin Hill	Haven Hill and Alma Nelson
June 19	Portsmouth	Elizabeth A. Cunningham	Patrick Cunningham and Sarah Conroy
June 21	Portsmouth	Ernest Lyman Worden	William Worden and Ellen Card
June 27	Rye	Fernande L. Wingate	Eustache J. Chomard and Lumina Guilmain
June 30	Portsmouth	Nancy Burkham	William H. Floyd and Elizabeth Carpenter
July 5	Rye	Bertha E. McKinstry	Phillip W. Bishop and Mary L. Beal
July 14	Exeter	Elizabeth Alice Greene	Herbert A. White and Mildred T. Prescott
July 17	Portsmouth	Marion Adreance Silloway	Simeon Adreance and unknown
July 26	Portsmouth	John Lewis Menson	Sjoerd Mensonides and Margretha Bos
July 27	Rye	Raymond Eugene Bemis	Eugene M. Bemis and Ella M. Booker
August 3	Portsmouth	Kenneth H. Stanley	Harry Stanley and Daisy Drew
August 28	Rye	Jerome Paul Hochschwender	George Hochschwender and Helen Hurcomb
September 6	Rye	Elmer Hersom Smith	Frank L. Smith and Hannah P. Muncey
September 12	Rye	Joseph Anthony Collins	Michael Collins and Mary Jane Sullivan
September 17	Rye	Maurice Henri Lachance, Sr.	Hermenegilde Lachance and Phidora Graveline
September 23	Portsmouth	Charles Edgar Dunn	Charles P. Dunn and Helena Clayton
October 28	Portsmouth	Russell Webster Badger	Carlton B. Badger and Louise Nickerson
November 2	Portsmouth	Frances Isadelle Holway	Milford Rimbach and Maybelle Bartlett
November 15	Rye	Arthur F. Hoyt	Eugene W. Hoyt and Inez E. Abbott
November 16	Rye	Gladys Clark	Sherman L. Greer and Nettie Hanscom
November 21	Rye	Rowena Mae Flanders	William L. Woodward and Abby J. Collins
November 21	Rye	Elizabeth Love Potter	George Mulligan and Abby Usher
December 9	Portsmouth	George Howard Pilling	George E. Pilling and Lois Craig
December 11	Portsmouth	Raymond Avery LaFrance	Edward P. LaFrance and Lemena Courtemanche
December 31	Rye	Patricia Marie Blaisdell	Wilfred D. Baril and Margaret J. English

Fire Department-Non Emergency, 563 Washington Rd...964-6411/6429
 Fire Department-Non Emergency Fax.....964-9894
FIRE EMERGENCY.....964-8683
AMBULANCE EMERGENCY.....964-8683
POLICE EMERGENCY.....(Rockingham Dispatch)964-5521
 Police Department-Non Emergency, 37 Central Rd.....964-5522

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly. DO NOT HANG UP until you are sure that your message has been understood.

I N F O R M A T I O N D I R E C T O R Y

Selectmen's Office, 10 Central Rd.....964-5523/5630
 Selectmen's Office Fax.....964-1516
 Sewer Commission's Office, 10 Central Rd.....964-6815
 Treasurer, 10 Central Rd.....964-6777
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, 10 Central Rd..964-8562
 Cemetery Superintendent.....964-6777
 Building Inspector's Office, 10 Central Rd.....964-9800
 Recreation Department, 10 Central Rd.....964-6281
 Public Works Department, 309 Grove Rd.....964-5300
 Dump (Recycle or Brush), 309 Grove Rd.....964-5300
 Library, 541 Washington Rd.....964-8401
 Library Fax.....964-7065
 Rye Municipal Court.....964-5018

H O U R S O P E N T O T H E P U B L I C

Selectmen's Office (Mon-Fri).....8:00 AM-4:30 PM
 Sewer Commission's Office (Mon-Fri)... ..8:00 AM-11:00 AM*
 Treasurer (Tue & Thr).....2:00 PM-4:30 PM*
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office (Mon-Fri)...8:00 AM-4:30 PM
 (Monday Evenings).....6:00 PM-8:00 PM
 Building Inspector's Office (Mon-Thr).....8:00 AM-4:30 PM
 (Fridays).....8:00 AM-2:30 PM
(Please call the Building Inspector's Office for an appointment.)
 Public Works Director (Mon-Fri).....6:30 AM-3:00 PM
 Recycle Dump & Brush Dump.....**CLOSED ON MONDAYS**
 Recycle Dump (Tue-Sat).....7:30 AM-3:45 PM
 Brush Dump (Opened on Tue & Sat ONLY).....7:30 AM-3:45 PM
 Library (Mon,Wed,Fri).....9:00 AM-5:00 PM
 Library (Tue & Thr).....1:00 PM-8:00 PM
 Library (Sat).....9:00 AM-noon

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Notices for Selectmen's meetings, other Town Boards, Commissions, and Committee meetings are posted on the Town's bulletin board located at the Town Hall, and on the Rye Post Office's bulletin board.

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